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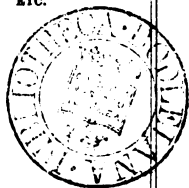
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DEDICATION.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, I dedicate this little work to thee, and I commence it on the Feast of thy Expectation, because that Expectation should be the model of our desire of receiving Jesus, born anew in us continually by the Most Holy Sacrament.

O Mother, may it be ever our desire to receive Him as thou didst receive Him ; to love Him as thou didst love Him ; to entertain Him as thou didst entertain Him. May the summons to each Communion be to us an angelic annunciation of His renewed Incarnation in that mystery of love ; may our desire of receiving Him be like unto thy desire and expectation of His Birth ; and may

we, having received Him, bring Him forth to the world in the actions of our daily life; for thus is He born anew in the hearts of His faithful ones, and thus does He live anew in their lives whose life is His.

CONVENT OF POOR CLARES, KENMARE,
Holy Thursday, 1866.

P R E F A C E.

THIS little book is intended not only for those who enjoy the inestimable privilege of daily Mass and frequent Communion, but also for all the faithful, who desire, when deprived of hearing Mass, to unite in spirit with the Masses celebrated when they perform their morning devotions. The Sacrifice of the Altar is offered "for the Holy Catholic Church, and for all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith." Blessed be God—and may He be blessed a thousand and a thousand times!—that the poorest, most ignorant child of the Church, enjoys this privilege in common with the most saintly and the most learned ! There is not a moment of the day or night during which we may not offer

this Sacrifice to God, and unite ourselves in spirit with the priests then celebrating. Who shall tell us what graces are poured forth upon the Church every moment by the Divine Victim thus offered? Who shall estimate the graces we might obtain by a little earnestness in asking? Jesus is offering Himself for us individually in every Mass. The priest who celebrates offers it for us. For you and for me, every moment of the day and night, some priest is saying those blessed words in the Canon of the Mass, which bestow on us this amazing privilege. Alas! that we are not more earnest and faithful in appropriating the torrents of grace which are poured out upon us every moment.

The "Preparation" is intended to be read, and meditated upon for a few moments, the evening before the day on which we hope to communicate, and also before Mass. The "Offering of Intention" may be made before Mass, or at the Offertory. It might be well, in any case, to renew it at the Elevation.

An Index of Subjects will be found at the end of the volume, so that those who wish to hear Mass, or to receive Holy Communion for a particular intention, may find one suitable to their purpose. Those who have not the privilege of hearing Mass daily, may use the Intention for each day at their morning devotions, by saying, "I offer Thee all the Masses now celebrated," instead of the words to be used when we are present at the adorable Sacrifice.

It will be observed that the arrangement of the Missal has been followed as closely as possible in the arrangement of the Intentions. We can never do better than follow the guidance of the Church in our devotions ; and it were, indeed, to be wished that the Missal might be more generally used at Mass. The Mass is an act of sacrifice ; and this fact is kept before us by the prayers used by the priest, in nearly all of which the faithful may unite. To facilitate this practice, the prayers which may thus be used will be found at the

commencement of this little book. To read through a string of prayers, or pious reflections, of which modern prayers are mostly composed, may be a holy way of spending those precious moments ; but, surely, to have a definite Intention for which we offer this Sacrifice, to unite ourselves closely to the priest, to enter into the spirit of the Church in the subject of the day, would seem more accordant with the Divine purpose in the institution of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

The Introit, Gradual, &c., are generally words of prayer ;* let us use these and meditate upon them, and try *to learn how to pray ourselves*. Many persons use the words of others simply because they have not been taught, and therefore have never tried to speak heart to heart to God. It is a strange mistake to suppose that it requires either learning or eloquence to address our hea-

* Missals may be obtained from Messrs. Burns and Lambert, 17, Portman-street, London, for prices varying from 1s. and upwards.

venly Father. He knows what we need before we express our wants, but He loves to hear us ask, even as a mother loves to listen to the childlike entreaties of her little one. Oh ! let us try to speak to our good God, in all peace, and love, and simplicity. Let us use our books of devotion, not as a hindrance to freedom of converse with our loving Lord, not as set forms, to be gone through mechanically, because we have nothing to say, and must have an address ready prepared for us, but rather as helps, while we need them, as brief memoranda of the intentions which our treacherous hearts might forget, as the alphabet of the science of prayer ; and soon we shall learn to go and tell Jesus everything in our own words, and in the way in which He loves His little ones to converse with Him. Surely our sweet Jesus is not to be the only friend with whom we cannot converse without a book.

Again, it is most important that we should receive Holy Communion as our life, and the

source of our life. Perhaps the reason why we are so slow in acquiring virtue and union with our dear Lord, has been that we have not distinctly sought help in the Most Holy Sacrament. Why do we not ask Jesus *when He is with us* for all we need, and this not in a vague and general way, but specially, according to our special needs? O Jesus, our Life and our Love, live in us, and may we live more and more by Thee!

Let us also remember the great duty of intercessory prayer. How seldom we pray for others! and when we do extend our charity, it is mostly only to our own immediate friends. But let us now remember the prisoner, the captive, the outcast from society, the orphan child, the suffering ones, those in danger of death, and of eternal death, the youth preparing for ordination; and let us begin to pray for all, as those who believe in the Communion of Saints should do.

INTENTIONS
FOR
Mass and Holy Communion.

A METHOD OF HEARING MASS WITH
THE ORDINARY.

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS.

On entering the church, after taking holy water and making the sign of the cross, say, "My Jesus, mercy" (100 days' indulgence); you will thus have purified your soul, in some manner, for the great action at which you are about to assist. Then say the following short Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity :

An Act of Faith.—O my God, because Thou art the very truth itself, I believe in Thee; and I believe all things which the Catholic Church teaches all nations to believe, because she is taught by Thee.

An Act of Hope.—O my God, because Thou art all-powerful, merciful, and faithful, I hope in Thee; and I believe Thou hast

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prepared exceeding great rewards for those that love Thee.

An Act of Charity.—O my God, because Thou art infinitely good, I love Thee ; and because I love Thee, I am sorry that I have offended Thee ; and I firmly resolve, with the assistance of Thy Divine grace, never more to offend Thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin.

Then, as the priest stands at the foot of the altar, do you stand in spirit at the foot of Calvary, and pray as you would have prayed had you stood there with Mary. What would you not give to have had that privilege ? yet now you may obtain all you would have asked there ; and offer the Precious Blood as really and as effectually to the Eternal Father. Go, then, to the “altar of God ;” He will, indeed, “give joy to your youth.” “Hope in God,” oh ! hope for great things ; for He who has given Himself for you, will give you all you need. Prostrate yourself, at least in spirit, at the confession, and receive the absolution with love and joy. Then, as the priest ascends to the altar, say with him :

LET US PRAY.

Take away our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies : through Christ our Lord.

Offering of Mass for the four ends.—I offer this adorable Sacrifice to Thee, O my God, to honour Thy unspeakable perfections ; to thank Thee for all the graces Thou hast bestowed on me, especially — ; to obtain the pardon of all my sins, the grace of final perseverance, and of a perfect love of Thee. [Then say the "*Offering of Intention*" for each day, commencing, "*O my sweet Jesus,*" &c.] Grant me a deep attention, a lively faith, and a tender devotion during this great action : set me on fire with love of Thee, that I may obtain these graces, and more and more perfectly accomplish my desire of living only to please Thee : through the merits of Thy most precious Blood.

At the Epistle, Gospel, and Creed, either use the Missal or reflect upon the "*Preparation*" for Communion. As this preparation always refers to the Gospel for the day, it is hoped it will be found of service at this time. Then say the prayer *Suscipe* with the priest.

Receive, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to Thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of

these and of all the Saints ; that it may be available to their honour and our salvation ; and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth : through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the priest says :

Orate fratres. Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from Thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

Pause for one little moment, and consider what the priest has said, and what he asks you to do. He says, " My sacrifice and yours ; " it is yours as well as his ; you must offer it with him ; he asks you to do so. Oh, how earnestly you should respond to his request ! Now, now, let your whole soul be absorbed in God, for in a few brief moments your Jesus will descend upon that altar, to immolate Himself for you once more, and to offer Himself to the Eternal Father for all your intentions. Ah ! if we did but know the " gift of God " in this adorable Sacrifice, how much we should obtain for ourselves and for others. Say, then, with the priest, many times and with unbounded love :

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth !
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory !

Hosanna in the highest ! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord ! Hosanna in the highest !

PRAYER.

Look down, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary, and from Thy high habitation in the heavens, and behold this most sacred Host, which the great High Priest, Thy holy Child, the Lord Jesus, offers to Thee for the sins of His brethren, and have mercy on the multitude of our wickednesses. Behold the Blood of Jesus, our Brother, cries to Thee from the Cross. O Lord, hear ! O Lord, be appeased ! O Lord, hearken and do ! delay not for Thine own sake, O my God, for Thy name is invoked upon this city and upon Thy people ; and deal with us according to Thy mercy. Amen.—(100 *days' indulgence.*)

Then say the following prayers :

AT THE CANON.

We therefore humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspotted

sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace, as also to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the world; together with Thy servant, —, our Pope, —, our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Here renew the intention for which you have offered the Mass and Holy Communion (or spiritual Communion). Then reflect for a moment on the words said by the priest as he offers up "this Sacrifice for all present, and for their families and friends; for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their safety and salvation." Oh, what graces you may obtain, not only for yourself, but even for your family and friends, at this happy moment! Think what the presence of one member of a family may do for the rest. Then say the prayer *Hanc igitur*.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family; dispose our days in Thy peace, command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thy elect: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the priest pronounces the awful words of consecration, adore your coming God, saying to your

soul, "O come, let us adore: this is indeed the Bethlehem where Christ is born again for His people; this is the house of Bread where He will feed them."

At the Elevation of the Host, say :

"O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body of my Jesus: may I live by Him more and more."

At the Elevation of the Chalice, say :

O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for all my sins, to obtain grace to live a holy life and to die a happy death, for all the wants of the holy Catholic Church, and for the intentions for which I have offered this Mass and Communion.

Then pray to Jesus Himself upon the altar, thanking Him for His love in coming, and beseeching Him to offer Himself for you to the Eternal Father. Then say with the priest, unless you prefer continuing in meditation :

Wherefore, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, His Resurrection from hell, and glorious Ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty, of Thy gifts and grants, a pure Host, a holy Host, an immaculate Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the

chalice of everlasting salvation. Upon which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them as Thou wert pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedec offered to Thee, a holy Sacrifice, an immaculate Host.

We most humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy holy Angels to Thy altar on high, in the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, that as many of us as, by participation at this altar, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then pray for the faithful departed, saying :

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants [*here name those for whom you wish to pray*] who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and slumber in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. And to us sinners, Thy servants,

hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs, and with all Thy Saints, into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not considering our merits, but freely pardoning our offences : through Christ our Lord.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come ; and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days ; that by the assistance of Thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance : through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

Then, at the Agnus Dei, beseech the meek Lamb of God to have mercy on you, and say :

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world ; deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my iniquities and from all evils, make me always adhere to

Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee : who, with the same God the Father and Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let not the participation of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ (or this spiritual Communion), which I, all unworthy, presume to receive (or desire to make), turn to my judgment and condemnation ; but, through Thy goodness, may it be to me a safeguard and remedy both of soul and body : who, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Then approach the altar to receive the Bread of Life, offering in reparation for your coldness the love of all the Saints, especially of the Saint whose memory is that day celebrated, or of your Patron Saint ; and, above all, offer the love and devotion with which Mary received Jesus into her womb at the moment of the Incarnation. The little devotion after Communion may then be used, and at the end of Mass the following prayer :

O holy Trinity, let the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee ; and grant that the Sacrifice at which I have assisted may be acceptable to Thee, that it may obtain the pardon of all my sins, and the intentions for which it has been offered.

INTENTIONS
FOR
MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION.

Advent Sunday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Judge*. He judges me now with the mercy of a Saviour; He will judge me hereafter with the judgment of a King. Sweet Jesus, come: oh, come and judge me now in mercy, that I may not be judged hereafter to condemnation! I shall receive Jesus to-day as *my Judge*: let me, then, be very earnest in preparing for the scrutiny of this Judge, very faithful in submitting to His laws.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire by each Mass to be more and more purified and sanctified, and by each Communion to be more and more united to Thee, that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the remission of all my sins, to

obtain light to know whatever is displeasing to Thy adorable Heart in my daily life, for grace to live with a holy fear of Thy judgments—with a holy dread of offending Thee; and this I desire, O my sweet Jesus, more for love of Thy love, than from fear of Thy anger.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as my Judge. O judge me now in mercy, that I may not be judged by Thee hereafter in anger! O sweet Jesus, show me whatever displeases Thee in my daily life, and help me by Thy sacramental grace and presence to overcome even the least imperfection. I pray also, O dear Lord, for all who are under sentence of death for crime: have mercy upon them, and grant them the grace of true repentance.

Second Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Saviour*. Ah! dear Lord, before Thou comest to judge me, Thou hast come to save me, so that if I perish it will be my own fault. How many “angels” hast Thou

not sent to prepare Thy way ; but, alas ! with what coldness and indifference I have received them !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire by each Mass to be more and more sanctified and purified, and by each Communion to be more and more united to Thee, that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the remission of all my sins, and grace to profit by all the means of grace which Thou hast given me for my salvation. I offer it also for the conversion of sinners, and especially for those in the place where I live.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as my Saviour. Thou alone knowest how much I need Thy salvation. O my sweet Jesus, I ask not merely for my eternal salvation, I ask also to be saved from every sin, from the least imperfection, from doing, saying, or thinking anything that might be even in the least displeasing to Thee. Do Thou live in me and be my Life, so shall I be saved from eternal death and from soul-sickness, which might eventually prove my ruin.

Third Sunday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who is not known*. How many will receive Him into their hearts to-day, and how few know Him ! “There hath stood One in the midst of you, whom you knew not.” But He comes that He may be known—He desires to be known ; and we shall know Him in proportion to our earnest and prayerful desire to know Him. It is by communicating Himself to us in Holy Communion, that He makes Himself known.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire by each Mass to be more and more sanctified and purified, and by each Communion to be more and more united to Thee, that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may know Thee more than I have ever yet done. I offer it also for all who do not know Thee, and especially for the conversion of England ; and I beseech Thee to grant me a yet deeper and more intimate knowledge of Thee, and to grant this grace also to all for whom I pray.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God who is not known. Alas ! my sweet Love, how often hast Thou condescended to visit me, and yet how little have I profited by this intimacy, by Thy blessed society ! O Jesus, my Love, my Life, grant that *now*, at least, I may begin to know Thee, banish from my heart all that prevents Thee from manifesting Thyself to me entirely, and grant that I may know Thee by becoming one with Thee in this adorable Sacrament.

Ember Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as *the Son of Mary*. He is coming to me as one having the same nature as myself, so that He may be able to sympathise in all my sorrows, to understand my temptations, to enter into my joys. He comes through Mary ; through Mary, therefore, do I desire to receive Him to-day.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire by each Mass to be more and

more purified and sanctified, and by each Communion to be more and more united to Thee, so that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy Immaculate Mother, in whose pure womb Thou didst take flesh; I offer it in reparation for the insults and outrages of heretics, who refuse to honour her as the Mother of God, and in reparation for the coldness of bad Catholics; and I pray Thee to grant me the grace of an immense increase of devotion to Thy Virgin Mother, and to grant this grace also to all those who are now preparing for ordination.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Son of Mary. Thou alone knowest how Thy Mother should be loved and honoured; and Thou only hast loved and honoured her as she deserves. Grant me grace, now that Thou abidest within me, to love and reverence her aright. Do Thou love her in me, and for me. Do Thou, sweet Jesus, grant the most precious grace of devotion to her to all who are preparing to-day for Holy Orders, that they may deem it their highest honour and privilege to proclaim her praises.

Ember Friday.

Jesus is coming to me to-day as *the Fruit of Mary's womb*. To-day the Church especially commemorates the visit of Mary to Elizabeth, and the miracle which Jesus worked through His blessed Mother. Oh, if I had but Elizabeth's reverence for the "Mother of my Lord," what miracles she would obtain on my behalf!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire by each Mass to be more and more purified and sanctified, and by each Communion to be more and more united to Thee, that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may obtain every grace necessary for my salvation, through the intercession of Thy most blessed Mother, and that those who are now preparing for ordination may be filled with Thy Divine Spirit; and I beseech Thee, in and by this Communion, to sanctify my whole being, so that, like the Baptist, I may leap with joy to obey the least intimation of Thy Divine will; and that, through the intercession of

Thy most blessed Mother, great graces may be bestowed this day on all those to whom Thou art about to confide the administration of the Sacraments.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Fruit of Mary's womb. I have received Thee from her : oh, do Thou visit me more and more through her blessed intercession ! and as Thou didst work Thy first miracle for her, and through her, work now in me, for her dear honour, a mighty miracle of grace, since Thou art nearer to me now than Thou wert to the Baptist, when Thou didst sanctify him. O Jesus, be my Life, and never leave me.

Ember Saturday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Beauty of Carmel*. My heart is like a wilderness, a “land desolate and impassable ;” but Jesus is coming to make it rejoice and flourish like the lily. He is sending many new labourers to-day into the wilderness—how fervently I should pray for their success !

OFFERING OF INTENTION. — O my sweet Jesus, I pray that by each Mass I may be more and more purified and sanctified, and that by each Communion I may be more and more united to Thee, that Thou mayest live in me and be my Life. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest plant in the wilderness of my heart the flower of virtue, which it most needs, especially —; and I offer it to Thee especially for those who are even now preparing to go forth into the garden of Thy Church, to beautify it for Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION. — Jesus, my Love, whose Heart came to me to-day as the Beauty of Carmel. O Thou who art the Eternal Beauty, make me so one with Thyself, that I also may become beautiful in Thy sight. If Thou dost unite me to Thyself, I must become beautiful, for I shall become like Thee. Make those souls beautiful, also, whom Thou art about to send forth to preach in the wilderness, and give them eloquence of speech, and sanctity of life, to proclaim Thy beauty to all.

Fourth Sunday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day to *prepare the way for His Divine Birth* on the day of His Nativity. How much preparation I need, and how near the time approaches ! But when Jesus Himself condescends to prepare a habitation within me for Himself, what more can I desire ? There is but one thing more necessary, and that is that I should allow Him to accomplish all His merciful designs.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus,* &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that my heart may be purified from every stain, so that I may be less utterly unworthy to receive Thee. I offer it also for all priests, especially —, that they may obtain increased purity of heart before the coming festival. I beseech Thee to purify my whole being, to prepare Thyself a dwelling for Thy-

* These words will not be repeated again, as they occur in each Offering of Intention ; but the page is referred to, where they may be found if forgotten.

self ; and I ask the same grace for all those who minister at Thy altars.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day to prepare the way for Thy Divine Birth in my heart. O my sweet Lord, I desire above all things that there should be nothing displeasing to Thee in this habitation, when Thou enterest therein. I beseech Thee, therefore, to cleanse and purify it, since Thou alone canst worthily prepare it for Thyself.

Christmas Eve.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Saviour*. How much I need a Saviour ! But I must not think of myself alone ; my Jesus has died for all ; He desires that all should be saved. He has given His Life on the Cross, and His Body on the Altar, to save poor sinners. How earnestly I should pray for the salvation of all !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for my eternal salvation, for my final

perseverance, and for all sinners. O my Jesus, now on the very eve of Thy adorable Nativity, of Thy coming as a Saviour, hear my earnest supplication ; and by the desire Thou hadst that all men should be saved, save, I beseech, at least one soul now in danger of eternal damnation.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as a Saviour. O my sweet Jesus, grant me such grace in and by this Communion, that I may never hinder or frustrate Thy merciful designs. Have mercy on all sinners, and especially on those for whom I have offered this Mass and Communion.

Christmas Day.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *little Infant*. An infant requires care and love ; when my Infant God comes to me I must tend Him with the greatest care, I must love Him with the tenderest love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet

Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace to become a little child ; I offer it for all those childlike souls who are so precious to Thee, because they are so like Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as a little Infant. O my Infant Jesus, make me like Thyself ; Thou hast been born anew in the manger of my heart. Alas ! sweet Jesus, how hard and cold it is ! but I will ask Thy blessed Mother to come and remain near Thee, that she may atone to Thee for my coldness, that she may induce Thee to remain with me. Sweet Jesus, my Infant King, Thou canst not refuse me anything to-day ; and since by feeding on Thee I may become one with Thee, make me also a child like Thyself, full of meekness, docility, obedience, and patience in suffering.

INTENTIONS WHERE SEVERAL MASSES ARE HEARD.—The first or midnight Mass may be offered as above, or if it is preferred it can be offered in thanksgiving to God the Father for the eternal generation of His only Son, offering the love and sanctity of all those holy souls who lived before the Law, and praying for all in mortal sin.

The second Mass in thanksgiving for the love of Jesus in coming down into the womb of Mary, offering her spotless purity, and the love and devotion of all who served God under the Law, praying especially for the conversion of the heathen and of heretics.

The third Mass in thanksgiving for the graces and privileges of the Gospel dispensation, especially for the Most Holy Sacrament, whereby our sweet Jesus lives in us, praying fervently for all the just on earth.

St. Stephen.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Strength of Martyrs*. I may not be called to endure the sufferings of actual martyrdom ; but I must suffer with my Infant Jesus in some measure on earth, if I hope to reign with Him eternally in heaven. The Infant Jesus is the Strength of Martyrs. I must, therefore, seek strength from Him to endure whatever trials God may send me.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Infant Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and

Communion in honour of the first Martyr, St. Stephen, that through his merits and intercession I may obtain the grace of great steadfastness in all trials, whether little or great. I offer it also for all who are persecuted in any degree for embracing the True Faith.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Strength of Martyrs. O my Infant King, be my Strength; for I have received Thee that I may be strengthened by Thee. The lightest trial would be insupportable without Thy strength; the heaviest burden will be light if Thou dost bear it in me. I beseech Thee also to strengthen all those who are suffering for justice sake, and to enable them to glorify Thee by their patience and constancy.

St. John.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of Virgins*. Since Thou dost so prize purity of life and purity of heart, enable me to practise this purity in its perfection, according to my state of life.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Infant Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain this blessed grace of holy purity, of purity of heart and purity of intention; I offer it for all who are especially devoted to this great Saint, and that those who are wandering in the paths of sin, may be brought back to the Good Shepherd.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Lover of Virgins. O sweet Infant Saviour, save me from all that might in the least tarnish the perfection of this virtue, which is so especially dear to Thee. Thou art the Eternal Purity; unite me so to Thyself, that I may become like Thee, yea, even one with Thee. I pray also for all those who are tempted by poverty or bad example, that Thou mayest have mercy on them, and strengthen them to forsake vice, and to return to Thee.

The Holy Innocents.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of little children*. How I should love those who are so dear to Jesus ! and how much I should desire to be like them in their innocence and simplicity, and in their freedom from sin !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Infant Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain that grace of childlike innocence and simplicity, which Thou dost prize so highly; and I offer it also especially for all who are engaged in the holy work of rescuing heathen children from destruction, and imparting to them the inestimable grace of holy Baptism.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me as the Lover of little children. Sweet Jesus, Thou who wert the meekest and gentlest of children, give me of Thy meekness and gentleness. Thou art within me: oh, do Thou so unite Thyself to me, that henceforth I may become one with Thee ! I beseech Thee to have mercy on those unhappy

outcasts rejected by their natural parents ; may they find in Thee a father, and in Mary a mother ! and may the faith and love of those who devote their lives to them, be signally rewarded by Thee !

Sunday within the Octave, as on Christmas Day.

Feast of the Circumcision.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *suffering Infant*. Already the sorrows of His Passion begin ; to-day His Blood must flow ; He suffers until death. He suffers to Blood ; and yet this is the day chosen by thousands for vain and idle pleasures, and, alas ! for the most sinful excesses. Should not all true lovers of the Infant Jesus endeavour to make Him some amends ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My suffering Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee in reparation for all the sins and excesses which may be committed to-day, and to console Thee for the sorrows of

Thy Circumcision. I offer it also to obtain grace to bear whatever sorrows or trials Thou mayest send me during the coming year.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me as a suffering Infant. Sweet Jesus, I beseech Thee, apply all the merit of the suffering of Thy Circumcision to my sinful soul. Unite Thyself so to me, that whatever I may suffer during this year may be suffered in union with Thee and for Thee. I offer the dolours of Mary, and her perfect resignation in the Circumcision, to console Thee and to make reparation to Thee for the sins and outrages committed to-day, and that the commission of at least one mortal sin may be prevented.

Repeat the Intentions for the Feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, and the Holy Innocents, on the Octaves.

The Epiphany.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me as the *King of the Gentiles*. O sweet Jesus, come! Come, and be my King; and do Thou alone govern me. This is the great

feast of the Gentiles, the day of manifestation of the Infant God to us. With what joy we should welcome Him ! with what praises we should thank Him ! with what thanks we should adore Him !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—Jesus, my King, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the inestimable grace and gift of faith, and that I may show my thankfulness by correspondence with Thy merciful designs in bestowing it on me ; and I pray Thee most earnestly, O my Jesus, to bestow this gift on all who are inquiring for and seeking after the truth.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the King of the Gentiles. Oh, be my King, my dearest Lord ! Drive every enemy out of my breast, cost what it may ; let there be no traitor within the camp, but may each faculty of my soul be ruled, moved, and guided by Thee alone. Do Thou unite my life to Thine, and live in me. Have mercy, O my King Jesus, on those poor souls who are wandering in error, and bring all into the one True Fold.

Octave of the Epiphany, and Sunday within the Octave, use the same Intention.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Name full of sweetness*. O Name of Jesus, who shall proclaim Thy praises, who shall tell Thy power? This is the Name at which every knee shall bow; and yet do even the faithful reverence it as they should? This is the Name full of power; and yet do we avail ourselves of its power in our spiritual warfare? But it is Jesus Himself who is coming to me to-day; and if the mere sound of His Name, uttered by sinful lips, is sufficient to work such wonders, what, oh! what will He not work Himself in my poor soul.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy holy Name, in reparation for all sins of blasphemy and irreverent using of this Name; I offer it to obtain, that when I shall utter it for the last time on earth, it may be indeed a name of power to drive from me all my enemies.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast come to me as my Jesus. Thy Name is full

of sweetness, O my Love ; but Thou art sweetness itself. Thy Name is full of power ; but Thou art all-powerful. O my Jesus, do for me all that my poor soul needs, and have mercy upon all sinners.

Third Sunday after Epiphany.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of power*. O sweet Jesus, Thou didst heal the servant of the centurion in a moment, though Thou didst not even come beneath his roof ; but Thou comest to me not merely under a material roof, but even within my very self. Sweet Jesus, Thou *canst* do all things, for Thou art all-powerful : sweet Jesus, Thou *wilt* do all things, for Thou art all-merciful.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest do for my soul all Thou knowest it to need ; and I beseech Thee to do great things in the souls of all those who are now preparing for their First Communion.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love,

Thou hast come to me as a God of power. Thou canst do all things, and Thou knowest my necessities better far than I can know them. I leave it to Thy love to do for my poor soul whatever it most needs, and I ask the same grace for all who are preparing for First Communion.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus, Thou comest to me to-day as the *Calmer of the tempest*. How many tempests hast Thou stilled for me, O my Jesus ! How often hast Thou not risen up, as if from sleep, and silenced the winds and the waves, when I have feared the most, when all seemed lost ! But the passions of my soul need much stilling yet, O my Lord : I beseech Thee speak but the word.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest still every evil passion in my soul, and especially that it may no longer be so easily disturbed by [*here name whatever passion you find it most difficult to overcome*].

I offer it also for all who are tempted to commit deadly sins.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Calmer of the tempest. Thou knowest, O my Jesus, what storms and tempests arise in my poor soul. Thou knowest how easily I am moved by [*here name the passion*], and how difficult I find it to overcome thoughts of ——— My Jesus, help me; one word from Thee will be sufficient; and now that Thou art within me, oh, speak that word, and I shall be at peace.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Sower of good seed*. Consider how important it is that the garden of our souls should be sown by Jesus. Alas! the enemy is ever on the watch to sow his bad seed, hoping it will spring up and destroy the good. We must watch lest he should succeed in his purpose, for he cannot succeed unless we allow him to do so.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c.,

p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee that Thou mayest sow in my heart that seed of virtue which Thou knowest it to need most. I offer it to Thee most specially and earnestly for all who are endeavouring to assist Thee in this blessed work by preaching or teaching, and I pray that their labours may bring forth abundant fruit unto eternal life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Sower of good seed. Ah! dear Lord, unless Thou dost water what Thou hast planted, how can it increase or fructify? I beseech Thee, O my Jesus, to water the seed Thou hast sown in me with Thy most precious Blood, and to fructify it unto eternal life. I beseech Thee also for all who are engaged in planting the good seed in the hearts of others, that their labours may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as my *Teacher*. I may fancy I know

many things, but, alas ! the more I imagine I know the more I really have to learn. Jesus teaches the multitude by parables, but to His disciples He speaks plainly. I must ask Him to make me one of those happy disciples, to whom He will reveal His secrets. I must take care that I listen attentively, and obey faithfully, if I desire that He would continue to instruct me.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of docility, that I may know how great is the importance of this grace ; that I may practise it whenever Thou dost instruct me, whether by Thy interior inspirations, by holy reading, or by the voice of my superiors. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee, also, in reparation for the sins of those who refuse to listen to Thy voice when Thou dost teach them.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou art within me now as my Teacher. Oh, teach me ; for if Thou dost instruct me Thyself, I shall know all things. One little whisper from Thee will be far more effectual than years of study without Thee. Pardon me, I beseech Thee, for having so often refused

to obey Thy instructions, and have mercy upon all those who turn away from the voice of truth.

Septuagesima Sunday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Master of the vineyard*. Alas ! that the Master should have been slain by the servants—slain by the labourers He desired to engage, and whom He was willing to reward so liberally. And have I not, also, committed this crime in my measure, when I refused to obey this good Master ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of labouring faithfully in Thy vineyard. Henceforth, with the help of Thy Divine grace, I purpose to devote myself more earnestly to those duties which Thou hast appointed for me, and especially to ——. I also offer this Mass and Communion for all the priests of this diocese, that by their sacred ministry many souls may be brought to Thee during the holy season on which we are entering.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Master of the vineyard. Ah! since Thou hast planted this little vine in the rich and fertile field of Thy holy Church, do Thou, by Thy blessed presence, fructify it, that it may bring forth fruit unto eternal life. Help me to labour more faithfully for Thee, by — ; and grant abundant grace to all the priests who minister to souls in this diocese.

Friday after Septuagesima.

A COMMUNION OF REPARATION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou comest to me to-day as a *God sweating blood*. Oh, how great must have been Thy suffering! Who shall console Thee, O Heart of Jesus agonized? What can I say, what can I do, to comfort Thee? I will unite my reparation to all the reparations which are made throughout the world, to all which ever have been made, or will yet be made.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins which caused Thee to sweat blood in Thy agony, in reparation

for all the neglect and indifference which men manifest towards Thy sufferings. I offer it also that the full fruit of these sufferings may be applied to my soul, and to the souls of all those who are now in their agony.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God sweating blood. O sweet Jesus, may the drops which Thou didst shed in the garden of Gethsemani fall into my very soul, and nourish therein an ardent desire of reparation ! Thou art within me now, O most sorrowful Jesus : how shall I comfort Thee ? I offer Thee the dolours of Thy Mother, in reparation for the sins which caused Thine own dolours. I offer Thee the love of all who have loved Thee most fervently ; I pray for a special grace for all who are devoted to the mystery of Thy agony in the garden, and for all who must die to-day.

Sexagesima Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Teacher of patience*. In the Gospel for to-day, He tells me that two things are

necessary for those who would receive the word with fruit : first, they must receive it in "good ground," and secondly, they must "bring forth fruit in patience." I must, therefore, endeavour to prepare my heart for this seed, and then Jesus will teach me how to bring forth fruit in patience.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of receiving Thy Divine Word in a good heart, and that when I have received it, I may indeed bring forth fruit thereby ; especially ——. I offer it also for all who are devoted to the instruction of others, particularly for all who are teaching Christian doctrine to-day.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as a Teacher of patience. Thou art Thyself the Eternal Patience and Eternal Rest. Now that Thou hast entered into my soul, sweet Jesus, do Thou prepare the ground—Thy presence alone is sufficient to do this ; and then do Thou make me bring forth with patience that special fruit which Thou hast planted in me.

Friday after Sexagesima.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God thirsting*. My Jesus, Thou art thirsting for me and for my salvation. Oh, would that I thirsted also for Thy love! Jesus, Thou sufferedst for me the anguish of the Passion : would, oh, would that I could suffer even a little anguish for Thee !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins which caused the sufferings of Thy Passion, and especially for sins of blasphemy. O sweet Jesus, may Thy holy name be adored, and praised, and loved, by all Thy creatures, and may the love of Thy Passion increase daily !

AFTER COMMUNION. — My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a *God thirsting*—thirsting for souls. O sweet Jesus, drink, drink from my poor heart some little draught of love. Would that Thou mightest find something to assuage Thy thirst therein ; for I love Thee, and I desire above all things, and more than all things, to love Thee more.

I offer Thee the love of Thy Blessed Mother, and of all Thy Saints whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy Passion, to console Thee.

Quinquagesima Sunday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God delivered to the Gentiles*. Thou wert delivered to the Gentiles, O my Love, to be mocked, and scourged, and crucified; and yet Thou deliverest Thyself to these same Gentiles again and again, that they may feed on Thee and live by Thee.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who deliver Thee as it were again to death, by receiving Thee unworthily. My Jesus, Thou knewest what the Gentiles would do to Thee when Thou wast delivered to them, and Thou knewest also what men would do to Thee when Thou gavest Thyself to them in this Sacrament of love. What shall we do, O Heart most sorrowful, to console Thee for such sins?

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my God,

Thou hast been delivered to me to-day, and how have I treated Thee ! Alas ! have I not also mocked Thee and crucified Thee as far as I was able ? Have I not thought of full many a vanity since Thou camest to me, and may I not fear that ere a few short hours have passed I shall have pained Thee even more ? Sweet Jesus, have mercy on me ; and since Thou wilt to give Thyself to me notwithstanding all my sins, in mercy help me to love Thee more.

Ash Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Teacher of penance*. Our Divine Lord has commanded us to do penance, but He has Himself given us the example. His penance is hidden from men, for He goes down into the desert to conceal and to increase His sufferings ; His penance is severe, for His fast alone lasted forty days.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of spending a holy Lent ; to obtain great fervour and fidelity in penance,

and that it may bring forth abundant fruit in my soul by union with Thine.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou art both my example, and my strength to enable me to follow Thy example. Thou hast given me the example of fasting and penance, and now, by an unexampled love, Thou comest to me to give me strength to follow that example. My Jesus, I offer Thee the penance of this holy season in union with Thy long and lonely fast; enable me, I beseech Thee, to profit by it, and to be faithful to what Thou requirest from me.

Thursday after Ash Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day *grieved by the sins of those who refuse to do penance*. Jesus does not ask us to fast while He feasts, to labour while He rests, to weep while He rejoices. Ah! no; He has done far harder penance than He asks from us, and He has shed more bitter tears for us than we can ever offer Him. How sad it is, then, that those for whom He has done so much should

refuse to do a little ! We must try to console Him for this sorrow.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who break the commands of the Church at this holy season, by taking or asking for unnecessary dispensations. Have mercy on these poor sinners, O my Jesus ; and by the infinite merit of Thy fast, convert them ere it is too late.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou art grieved by the sins of Thy creatures, and I, alas ! have also grieved Thee. I have grieved Thee by not performing many acts of mortification which I might have done, even if I have not broken the Church's fasts or abstinence without sufficient reason. I will try, O my Jesus, to be more fervent for the future, and thus to console Thee for the sins of others. Help me, by the mighty grace of Thy Sacramental Presence in my soul.

Friday after Ash Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day as a *King crowned with thorns*. Alas ! is this the diadem of a God—a crown of ignominy, a crown of pain ? And yet I desire to be always praised and commended, and never to suffer even the least inconvenience !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion in reparation for the crowning with thorns. Oh, by Thy humility in this most sorrowful mystery, grant me the grace of a true and perfect humility ! Oh, by Thy patience in suffering, grant me the grace of patience in whatever bodily sufferings Thou mayest send me at any time !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I have received Thee to-day *crowned with thorns*, and thus I will enthrone Thee in my heart. Thou art dearer to me in Thy crown of shame and anguish than my poor words can tell. Reign in me, O my King, reign over my pride, until Thou hast utterly subdued it ; reign over my self-love, until I begin even to desire suffering ardently.

Saturday after Ash Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son dishonoured by the contempt shown to His Mother*. No son ever loved a mother as Jesus loved Mary, and no son ever felt so keenly the disrespect shown to a mother. We may estimate from this how much Jesus must love those who endeavour to atone to Mary for the insults offered to her in the Passion ; and, alas ! for the insults offered to her even now.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the insults offered to Thy Blessed Mother during Thy Passion, for the contempt of heretics, and the indifference of bad Catholics. I offer it also to obtain a great increase of filial devotion to Mary.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a Son whose Mother is treated with indifference and contempt. O my sweet Jesus, grant me, as one of Thy richest graces, the grace of increased devotion to her, and accept the reparation I have

offered in her honour. Mary, my Blessed Mother, I offer thee all the love thy Divine Son had for thee, to console thee for the indifference of thy children, and for the blasphemies of heretics.

First Sunday in Pent.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Strength of the tempted*. Have I always had recourse to His strength in all my temptations? Have I not the oftener sought help in human aid? Have I not frequently sunk down under the burden of temptation, without a thought of that Eucharistic strength of which I might have availed myself? Jesus is tempted, that we may learn by His example how to bear temptation. Jesus is victorious in temptation, that by His strength we may conquer, and by His victory repair our losses.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy temptation in the wilderness, that I may obtain grace to conquer in and

by Thy strength, whenever and however I may be tempted. I offer it also for all who are tempted through human respect or self-love to break the commandments of the Church.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Strength of the tempted. O my Lord, my Love, Thou knowest, as none other can know, how many and how grievous are the temptations by which I am tried. But Thou wilt be my Strength, and by Thy victory Thou wilt atone for my falls. Help me especially when tempted to —, or by —. Sweet Jesus, Thou knowest how weak Thy creatures are; have mercy on all the tempted, and especially on the young, who are so easily led astray by bad example.

Communion of Reparation for the Weekdays in Lent.

MONDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God betrayed*. What reparation shall I make to Him for this awful crime?

Alas ! He was betrayed once by Judas, but how often has He not been betrayed since by others !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the crimes committed by Judas, in Thy betrayal, and for the crimes committed daily by those who betray Thee anew. O sweet Jesus, grant that I may never betray Thee ; and if I have been so unhappy as to have done so, if by my sins I have, as far as in me lay, bound Thee and delivered Thee again into the hands of Thy enemies, accept, I beseech Thee, my sincere contrition, and my earnest purpose of amendment. Do Thou strengthen me by this Most Holy Sacrament, that I may keep my resolution faithfully.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God betrayed by Thy creatures. Alas ! and I also have had my share in this deadly crime. What can I do to console Thee, O Heart of my Beloved ? What reparation can I make at this season of prayer and penance ? I offer Thee the fasts of the faithful, the tears of penitents, the austerities of religious orders, the reparations of the perpetual adorers of the Most Holy

Sacrament ; and, I beseech Thee, accept and strengthen my sincere desire of living henceforth purely for Thee alone.

TUESDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God denied by His disciples*. Once, indeed, Thou wert denied by Peter, but Peter wept away his fall by bitter tears and years of penance ; and Peter loved Thee, sweet Jesus, and atoned to Thee as far as a creature could, for the pain he had given Thee. But how many of Thy disciples have denied Thee, and never repented of their crime !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sin committed by St. Peter in denying Thee, and in reparation to Thy wounded Heart for the awful crimes of apostate priests. O my Jesus, one such apostasy should be atoned for with tears of blood : would that I could offer such reparation as might console Thee ! Oh, through the merits and intercession of the great Prince of the Apostles, call back to Thy fold those yet living who have denied Thee, and give them the grace of true repentance before they die !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God denied by Thy disciples. I desire to make reparation to Thee for others, and yet I need that others should make reparation for me. Have I not also denied Thee? have I not yielded secretly to many temptations? and if I have been saved from some open and scandalous fall, must I not acknowledge that I owe my deliverance to Thy mercy? Sweet Jesus, by the infinite merit of Thy long-suffering towards those who have denied Thee, strengthen me now that Thou art within me, so that I may never fall from Thee or deny Thee; and have mercy upon all unhappy apostates from the Faith.

WEDNESDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God struck by His creatures*. O my Jesus, O gentle Lamb of God, where were hands found impious enough, where were hearts found cruel enough, to perpetrate such crimes? Alas! Thy very meekness seems rather to have increased than lessened the fury of Thy enemies; even as Thy long-suffering patience now makes sinners bolder

in their guilt. But I will try to console Thee, Heart of my Beloved.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the crimes committed by those who dared to strike Thee with their impious hands. I offer it also in reparation for the sins by which Thou art even now, as it were, struck and outraged, and especially in reparation for sins of blasphemy.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Lord, Thou hast come to me as a God struck by His creatures. How shall I make reparation to Thee for such crimes? Alas! have I not often treated Thee even more shamefully? and yet Thou comest to me again and again, and abidest in my guilty soul as if I had never outraged Thee. Help me now, O my Jesus, and strengthen me by Thy holy grace, so that I may never offend Thee more.

THURSDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God loving, but not loved*. Ah! sweet Jesus, Thou art indeed a God of love. To-day I must think only of Thy sacramental

love—that love which is so far beyond all human comprehension, and so little appreciated by human intellect. Thou hast loved Thy creatures in this mystery beyond all that human hearts could imagine; and they, alas! repay Thee with coldness and neglect.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion in reparation for all the coldness, indifference, and insults offered to Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament, praying for an increase of devotion to It throughout the world, so that I may seek more and more to have no other life but Thine, and no other love but Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God loving, but not loved. Alas! I am one of those whom Thou hast loved so tenderly: and yet how little I have loved Thee in return! How many are there to whom Thou hast denied the priceless grace bestowed on me to-day: and yet how have I received it! O my Jesus, help me, I beseech Thee, to love, for it is not enough that Thou shouldst love me, Thou must also make me to love Thee.

FRIDAY.

PREPARATION.—Jesus comes to me to-day as a *God dying of a broken heart*. Yes ; Jesus died of a broken heart, before the soldier's spear had pierced Him. We know there is nothing on earth harder to bear than the ingratitude of those we have loved and served. What, then, must have been the feelings of Jesus towards those for whom He even died ? We suffer because our feelings are wounded ; but Jesus suffered not for Himself, though His human Heart felt all the anguish of man's ingratitude, but rather because He knew how fatal that ingratitude would be to us.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion, my Jesus, to atone for the coldness of those whom Thou hast loved so much, and who love Thee so little. Ah ! my Jesus, kindle the flames of love in every human heart, and increase that flame where it already exists.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, I desire above all things to love Thee, and yet

Thou knowest how difficult I find it to do so. Thou knowest how weak are my purposes, how weak are my desires. O Thou who art Love, kindle now in my heart those burning flames; and while I make reparation for the coldness of others, may I not need even more that they should make reparation for mine.

SATURDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day as a *Son grieving for the sorrows of His Mother*. Can we even imagine how the dolours of Mary pierced the Heart of Jesus? How much, then, will He prize the love of those who weep to see her weep, and who endeavour to console her by their love and fidelity!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion in honour of the dolours of Mary, and in reparation for the sins of those who deny her privileges, and refuse her the honour which Thou desirest she should receive from every creature.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, Thou hast come to me that I may console Thee for

the sorrows of Thy Mother ; but how can I do this, since I have myself been the cause of her sorrows, for my sins made Thee suffer and die? Mary, plead for me with Jesus, that I may no more grieve Him by grieving thee, and that henceforth my life may be one of faithful and loving devotion to thy service.

Second Sunday in Lent.

A COMMUNION OF REPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day as a *God of miracles*. We read in to-day's Gospel how Jesus was miraculously transfigured before His disciples, and yet we find that even this miracle was not sufficient to prevent them from denying Him after. Is it not so even now? Miracles are either disbelieved, or the effect they produce is transitory. And yet men speak as if they only needed to hear of one real miracle to be converted to the True Faith. Ah! it is not miracles that are needed, but faith to believe in miracles.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in

reparation for the sins of those who refuse to believe those miracles which the Church has authenticated. Each miracle is a fresh grace from Thy Heart, a new outpouring of that love which leaves nothing undone for our salvation; and each slight or denial is a fresh insult, which I would that I could repair with tears of blood.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God of miracles. Truly it is not one of Thy least miracles that Thou sufferest one of Thy vilest creatures still to live, and to hope for mercy. Lord, Thou hast come to me, and Thou art within me, notwithstanding all my unbelief. Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief, and increase my faith daily more and more.

Third Sunday in Lent.

A COMMUNION OF REPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day as a *God wounded by His creatures*—wounded by His friends! He came to cast the demon out of our hearts, and we, instead of thanking Him and helping

Him, wounded Him in the Hands, and Feet, and Side. Yet so great is His love, that He turns even these very injuries to our advantage ; and by the wounds of His Feet, He heals our wandering ; by the wounds of His Hands, He atones for our sins of act ; and by the deep wound of His Side, He cleanses all our evil thoughts, and shelters us in life and death.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the impious sin of those who wounded Thee in Thy Hands, and Feet, and Side. I offer it also in reparation for all sins of thought, word, or deed, and to obtain grace for some poor sinner, now wandering far from Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, alas ! I have wounded Thee a thousand times more cruelly than did the Roman soldiers. I have wounded Thee by my sins of thought, of word, and of act ; but now, I beseech Thee, pardon me now that Thou art with me, that Thou art within me. Apply to my poor soul the full benefit and merit of Thy Five Great Wounds, to cleanse the past and to strengthen me for the future.

Fourth Sunday in Pent.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God pouring forth His Blood for my salvation*. How earnestly I should endeavour to avail myself of His amazing mercy ! how faithfully I should correspond with the graces He has bestowed on me ! And yet, can I say that I am either as earnest or as thankful as I would be for the kindness of a fellow-creature ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain for my soul all that Thou hast purchased for it by Thy most precious Blood. I beseech Thee, for such efficacious graces, that I may not lose even the least of those favours which Thou hast bought for me at such a price ; and I offer it also for all the faithful, whether living or dead, that each may receive what each most needs for his salvation, for his relief, and for the increase of his accidental glory.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day, not only to pour forth Thy Blood for me, but even to nourish me thereby. O sweet Jesus, how often have

I not despised and wasted this treasure! But now, O my Lord, I implore Thee, feed me with it, that I may grow thereby; and cleanse me with it, that I may be purified from every stain. I beseech Thee also to have mercy upon all the faithful, and to grant some special grace to each, through the merits of Thy most precious Blood.

Passion Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *persecuted God*. How shall I console Him for the injuries offered to Him by His creatures? He is still persecuted, and still obliged to hide, as though He were an enemy. How often is He compelled to pass through our streets hidden, because men, like the Jews of old, ask the contemptuous question: “Whom makest Thou Thyself?” They see only bread, even as the Jews saw only a man; and they disbelieve the hidden Godhead, as the Jews disbelieved the hidden Divinity.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in

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reparation for the insults offered to Thee as on this day, by Thy chosen people ; for the insults offered to Thee continually by those whom Thou hast made Thy people, though Thou didst foreknow how they would repay Thy love. I desire to make reparation to Thee for the concealment with which the Holy Viaticum is borne to the sick in Protestant countries ; and I offer Thee all the love of the Saints who have been most devoted to this mystery of love.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me to-day as a persecuted God, and I have desired to make reparation to Thee for the sins of others ; but who shall make reparation to Thee for my sins ? Alas ! have I not often persecuted Thee, and driven Thee from my heart by my sin ; but now, sweet Jesus, abide with me, and help me, that I may never offend Thee more.

Friday after Passion Sunday.

FEAST OF THE DOLOURS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day to *recommend His Mother to my care.*

To-day He says to me, and to every faithful soul : *Behold thy Mother.* Ah ! behold her ; see where she stands, consider what she suffers, and console her by your love. In giving us Mary for our Mother, Jesus requires that we should pay her the homage of our worship, of our deepest reverence, and of our tenderest affection. What honour would be too great for the Mother of Jesus ? what love too deep ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy Blessed Mother, in thanksgiving for the inestimable privilege Thou hast bestowed on us, in giving us to her as her children, in giving her to us as our Mother ; and to thee, O Lady, I offer the love of the Heart of Jesus, and His sorrow in thy dolours, in reparation for the insults, the indifference, and the neglect of thy children. O Mother, convert those unhappy souls who know thee not, and love thee not.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast recommended Thy Mother to my care ; and since I know not how to honour her as she should be honoured, or to love her as she should be loved, I beseech Thee to honour

her and to love her for me and in me, and, as Thy choicest gift, to increase my devotion to her more and more.

Palm Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus comes to me to-day as a *God condemned to death*. Already the Jews have determined no longer to endure His blessed presence ; already, in secret conspiracy, they plan their crime : but they fear the people ; they must act cautiously. There are a few who will cry Hosanna to-day, and they might protect Jesus from open violence ; few as they are, and weak as they are, they are feared by these bad men. Alas ! is not Jesus even now condemned to death again and again in the person of His Vicar, and, humanly speaking, only saved by the faithful few ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the unjust sentence of Pilate, and to obtain a favourable sentence for my poor soul at the hour of my death.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, condemned to death unjustly for love of me, I pray Thee to fill me so with love of Thee, that I may never be condemned to eternal death. May I receive Thee at the last moment of my life as my Saviour, before I behold Thee as my Judge. Have mercy on all who are even now under sentence of death for crime, and grant them the grace of true repentance, and have mercy on all now in their agony.

Monday in Holy Week.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Strength*. Thou knowest, O my Jesus, how weak I am, and how much I need Thy support in trial, Thy help to contend against my enemies. May the merit of Thy Passion atone for all my failures in temptation, and be my strength for the future !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain great spiritual strength, that I may effectually resist all the snares of my enemy.

I offer it also for all who are tempted, and especially for those whom the devil is trying to keep from their Easter duty.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, be my Strength, especially in my combats with my pride, my self-love, and the other enemies of my poor soul. Do Thou make me so one with Thyself, that temptation may no longer have power over me ; and, O my dear Lord, have mercy on all sinners, and help them in their hour of danger.

Tuesday in Holy Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a God *persecuted by sinners*. I must learn from Him to glory in the Cross, to glory in my trials, whatever they may be. If I suffer with Him, I shall also reign with Him.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great love of the Cross, and especially of —, which Thou hast appointed as my special trial. Help me to bear it generously

and with love. I also offer it for all who are now suffering from any great affliction, and especially for all widows and orphans.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my Love, Thou art, indeed, persecuted by sinners : how shall I console Thee ? Alas ! have I not also persecuted Thee a thousand times more grievously than Thy worst enemies. But now, O Lord, I desire to console Thee. I offer Thee my heart's best love ; I offer Thee my fervent desires. Pardon all those who even now persecute Thee in the person of Thy Vicar, and in the persons of thy faithful children.

Wednesday in Holy Week.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as a God *obedient unto death*. O my sweet Jesus, would that I had even once been obedient, when obedience had cost me a trifling self-denial. But now I must learn to imitate Thy blessed obedience. I must obey Thy law, and the commands of my superiors, whatever it may cost me.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of prompt, loving, and fervent obedience to all Thy commands, to all Thy inspirations. I offer it also to obtain this grace for all religious.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, obedient unto death, oh, make me truly obedient. May I never hesitate, for a single instant, between duty and inclination ; may I never blind myself by self-love so as to choose what I prefer instead of what Thou wouldst desire. O my Jesus, live in me, and be my Life ; obey in me, and teach me to obey.

Holy Thursday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Life*. He has given His life for me on the Cross to be my salvation, and He is giving His life to me in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar, to be my food. Oh, may I have no other love but Thee, and no other life but Thine !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a most ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament, and in reparation for all the outrages and contempts offered to Thee in this mystery of love. I offer it also for all who are devoted to perpetual adoration.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my Life, how shall I thank Thee for this surpassing gift? How shall I console Thee for all the outrages which Thou didst foresee, and yet which did not hinder Thee from this design of mercy? Thou knewest what life would be without Thee; Thou knewest how our souls would languish and pine without this heavenly Food; and Thou hast given Thyself to us. Alas! those who have loved Thee most have loved Thee but little: and what shall be said of those who scorn and blaspheme Thee? O my Jesus, teach me how to love Thee and to thank Thee, for Thou alone canst worthily praise and thank Thyself.

Good Friday.

When the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the
Altar, say :

Jesus, my Love, I adore Thee a thousand and a thousand times. I offer Thee all the Communions which were made yesterday, all the reparations, all the acts of adoration, praise, and love ; I offer Thee all the love of those Saints, in heaven and on earth, most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament ; I offer Thee all the adoration of Thy Angels, and of the holy souls in Purgatory ; I offer Thee my own poor love,—all, all in reparation for the sins which have caused Thy Death, and for the conversion of sinners. O my Jesus, Thou didst die as on this day for sinners ; have mercy upon me, for whom Thou didst die, forgive me all my sins, and have mercy upon all poor sinners. Convert many this day, O my Jesus, by the merits of Thy Death and Passion, and by this Most Holy Sacrament, which I offer in union with Thy priest, for this end, to the Eternal Father.

Holy Saturday.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as *the Resurrection of the just*. He comes as a pledge that souls who sleep in Him shall also rise with Him, on the eternal Easter morning. O my Jesus, may I so die with Thee in time, that I may rise with Thee in eternity !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee for the holy souls in Purgatory, that thousands may now be released through the merits of Thy glorious Resurrection.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, do Thou grant me grace so to purify myself now, that I may not need a long purification hereafter. May I be so united to Thee now by frequent Communion, and so cleansed by frequent confession and sacramental absolution, that my separation from the body may be the commencement of an eternal union with Thee.

Easter Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Risen God*. He has died for my love, He rises for my justification. All that my Jesus has suffered was suffered for me; and now—O amazing love!—He desires to share the glories with me, which He has purchased by His Death. Ah! I must learn to share all with Him, who has shared all with me!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy adorable Resurrection, and to obtain the grace of a joyful resurrection, through the merit of Thine. I offer it also for all those unhappy souls who are now dead in sin, that through the merits of Thy Resurrection they may obtain life, and especially for all who have neglected their Easter duty.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me as a Risen God. Oh, by Thy Resurrection, raise me also to newness of life! Thou hast said, "If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." O my Jesus,

grant me so to eat of it that I may live by it more and more ; that I may be raised up by it at the last day ; that it may be in me a germ of eternal life.

Monday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God abiding with me*. O Jesus, my Love, Thou knowest how much I need Thy abiding presence in my soul. The day is far spent—the little day of my human life—and the long morning of eternity is at hand. Oh, abide with me to prepare me for it !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest abide with me more and more in the Most Holy Sacrament, and for an increase of Communions throughout the world.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my risen Lord, I possess Thee now beneath the roof of my soul, as surely and as truly as Thou didst abide with the faithful disciples at Emmaus. Oh, make my heart burn within me ! oh, speak to me by the way ! oh, instruct me

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in the Law and the Prophets, that I may know what I ought to believe and to do ! And do Thou abide more and more in faithful souls by the Most Holy Sacrament, and grant them the ineffable grace of increased Communions.

Tuesday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Peace*. Peace is His special resurrection gift. Peace is the beautiful fruit which grows on the tree, long pruned by the knife of suffering. Jesus, give me peace, even Thyself, who art the Eternal Peace.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of peace, that my soul may be so filled with Thee as to remain unmoved amid every trial and vicissitude of life. I offer it also to obtain both temporal and spiritual peace for the Church, and especially for our Holy Father the Pope.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Lord, Thou hast come to me as my Peace. Oh, still and calm the tempests of my soul ! Enable me

to conquer my rebellious inclinations, and so to trust Thee and to love Thee, that I may never be moved by any temporal affliction, so as to lose the peace Thou hast bequeathed to me. Look also upon Thy Church, O my Jesus, and give it peace in Thee. Have mercy upon those who are seeking peace in vain outside the fold, and bring them where alone true peace can be found.

Wednesday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to *prepare me for the Eternal Feast*. Already I behold Him “standing upon the shore.” O sweet Jesus, I come—I long to come! May I so receive Thee now in this Eucharistic Feast, that I may be worthy to sit at the Eternal Feast, which Thou hast prepared for Thy beloved ones!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of being worthily prepared to sit with Thee at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. O sweet

Jesus, clothe me even now in the pure white raiment of Thy love. O sweet Jesus, teach me even now the language and the manners of Thy celestial court. I offer it also for all poor sinners, especially for those who have not made their Easter Communion, to obtain for them this grace ; and for all who desire this privilege, but who are unable to obtain it.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my dear Lord, look into the depths of my soul, and remove in Thy mercy every imperfection which may hinder me from the blessedness of Thy eternal company, or which might make me in the least degree less worthy of it. Have mercy on all poor sinners, especially on all who are now refusing the invitations of Thy love, and bring them to the feet of Thy priests, where they may obtain the grace they need.

Thursday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Master of my soul*. O my Master, would that I were indeed as faithful

and as true as the faithful Magdalen! would that I sought Thee as constantly and as lovingly !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest be indeed the Master of my soul, and rule in it alone. I offer it also for all those who are devoted to the care and instruction of penitents, and that these poor souls, when recalled by Thee, may love Thee with a love proportioned to the greatness of Thy forgiveness.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Master, O Rabboni, do Thou from this moment rule and reign as the absolute Lord of my every word, and thought, and action. May I henceforth have no other end in life, than to serve Thee faithfully ; and do Thou enable me to do this by the grace of Thy sacramental presence in my soul.

Friday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lord of the Church*. O my Jesus, “all power is given to Thee ;” and

now, with surpassing love, Thou dost impart that power to Thy priests, that they may teach me by the word of preaching, and sanctify me by the administration of the Sacraments; and this Thou hast purchased by Thy Blood. O sweet Jesus, do not let me forget the sorrows of Thy Passion, in the joys of Thy Resurrection.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy love in the institution of the Sacraments of the Church. I offer it that I may obtain *all* the graces of each Sacrament in which I may participate, and I ask the same blessing for all the faithful.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, it is Thou alone who canst give me all the virtue of this Sacrament of Love. Oh, may I never lose the least degree of grace which Thou hast purchased for me! Teach me Thyself how to value and how to use the Sacraments which Thou hast given to Thy Church.

Saturday in Easter Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Joy of Mary*. O Jesus, teach me how to love Thy Mother as Thou didst love her : teach me to compassionate Thy sorrows in some measure, even as she did, that I may rejoice in Thy joys like her.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the joys of Mary ; and I pray that Thou wilt even now increase her joy in heaven, by the conversion of many sinners through her prayers.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Lord, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Joy of Mary. Oh, may I also be a joy to her Immaculate Heart ! may she behold Thee in me, and thus be won to love me more and more ! Do Thou Thyself ask her to be my mother, and promise her, on my behalf, that I will be her faithful child.

Now Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of believing souls*. O sweet Jesus, Thou lovest those who believe, but, happily for me, Thou hast compassion upon our unbelief, and wilt even stoop to reassure us, and to enliven our faith.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—Jesus, my Love, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion to obtain a greater increase of the gift of faith. I offer it also for all without the fold, to obtain for them this precious gift.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Lord, I believe, I love, I adore. Oh, may I never, never grieve Thee by mistrusting Thy Providence, by doubting Thy love, or by questioning the commands of my superiors! O my Jesus, I know that faith is Thy most precious gift; grant that I may never lose it. I know that there are degrees of unbelief; oh, may I never disbelieve, even in the least, even for a single moment, any truth which Thou hast revealed.

Second Sunday after Easter.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Good Shepherd*. O Jesus, O my Love, Thou art indeed a Good Shepherd to me. I might have been wandering even now where the cruel wolf of heresy tears, and, alas ! too often devours the poor sheep ; but, my faithful Shepherd, Thou hast me safely in Thy fold. Oh, may I never more wander from it !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love, in having made me a child of Holy Church, and for all the conversions to the True Faith which have occurred during the last few years. Good Shepherd, may these conversions increase daily, and may these converts repay Thee for Thy love by their deep and humble devotedness to Thy service !

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Shepherd, what shall I say to Thee ? I see the wounds in Thy Hands and Feet. I see the marks of the “ stripes by which we were healed.” I see all that Thou didst suffer when trying to

reclaim me, Thy poor sheep. Dear Shepherd, I thank Thee a thousand and a thousand times : may I never, never grieve Thee more ! Oh, shut me up now in the fold of Thy adorable Heart, so that I may never leave it !

Third Sunday after Easter.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Son of Joseph*. I know how a good son desires that his father should be honoured ; and thus I may estimate how much my Divine Lord rejoices in the honour we pay to His foster-father. O my Jesus, teach me to honour him aright, whom Thou didst honour above men and angels.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for all the privileges Thou didst bestow on him, and for all his devout clients. Do Thou honour him, I beseech Thee, by granting the many favours which are asked to-day for his sake.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, teach me

Thyself, I beseech Thee, how to honour my great patron, St. Joseph. I never can honour him as Thou didst honour him, however great my reverence ; I never can love him as Thou didst love him, however great my devotion. Increase the number of his faithful clients, O my Jesus; and may I be the most faithful and loving of his subjects, from this moment to the last hour of my life.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Teacher of truth*. O my sweet Jesus, may I never refuse to hear and obey Thy voice ! Thou dost speak to me continually by the word of Thy holy Gospels, and still more by the interior voice and instruction of the Spirit of Truth.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of great meekness in hearing and obeying Thy Divine instructions. I offer it also for all who are instructing others, that their words may fructify in souls.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, teach me—my Jesus, give me grace to listen meekly, and to obey without hesitation. O my Jesus, I know there are countless souls far, far from the perfection which Thou dost desire from them, because they refuse to hear, and refuse to obey the sweet hidden inspirations of Thy love. O my Jesus, may I never be so unhappy as to resist, or even to neglect for a moment, the least interior whisper of Thy grace !

Fifth Sunday after Easter.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of love*. He tells me that “the Father Himself loveth me because I love Him.” O my Jesus, may I love Thee daily more and more, and may the love of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, abide and deepen in my heart every moment of my life !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the love of

God the Father. It is for Thy sake, O my Jesus, that the Father loves me. Oh, may I so love Thee, as to be loved by Him daily more and more !

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the God of love, and I have tried to thank Thee for Thy love ; but, alas ! I know not how. O my Jesus, do Thou thank Thyself, and offer Thy love to the Eternal Father to atone for my exceeding coldness and indifference.

Rogation Monday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires to give*. What shall I ask Thee, O my generous Lord ? or rather, what shall I not ask ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the conversion of sinners. Sweet Jesus, I desire to seek grace for those who will not seek it for themselves, and Thou, my Jesus, Thou desirest to give : what may I not hope to obtain ?

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my sweet Saviour, Thou desirest to give. Oh, behold a poor creature who desires to receive: give me, sweet Jesus, the grace of salvation, the grace of final perseverance, and give me many, many souls who otherwise might perish!

Rogation Tuesday.

Preparation as on yesterday.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion for the sanctification of the Church. O my Jesus, I ask for bread, and Thou wilt not give me a stone; I ask for rich, for abundant graces for the whole Church; I ask that saints may multiply in it, and that every holy soul may become yet more holy.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my sweet Saviour, oh, give me the grace of sanctification—of that special sanctification which Thou knowest I most need. Pour forth Thy “Good Spirit” upon the Church, and upon every member of it, from our Holy Father

the Pope to the last baptized infant. O my sweet Jesus, I ask, and Thou hast promised to give : what more shall I say?

Logation Wednesday.

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION.

Preparation as on Monday.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a fruitful season. Thou knowest the temporal necessities of Thy people, and, alas! O Lord, Thou knowest how many are tempted to sin through want. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on all who are tried by poverty, and give them all the strength and grace they need.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, teach me to be content with my state and condition in life; teach me to love poverty, because Thou didst love it; and give me a warm and earnest love for Thy poor, and for all that may further their temporal advancement.

Ascension Day.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as an *ascended God*. He has ascended to His Father and to my Father, and I must also endeavour to ascend with Him. He has ascended to plead for me, to be my Advocate. Now I may ask with confidence, for what can be refused to Jesus?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a happy death. O my Jesus, do Thou Thyself come for me in that hour of fear, and by Thy marvellous ascension may I then ascend with Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast ascended to Thy Father, and yet Thou wilt not forget Thy brethren in exile. O my sweet Jesus, help me even now to ascend with Thee in spirit, to seek the things which are above, to live as the child of an ascended God, as the spouse of an ascended Bridegroom. May my thoughts and my affections be with Thee until I come to abide with Thee eternally !

Sunday in the Octave.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the Paraclete*. He has gone up to heaven that He may send me this Blessed Spirit. Oh, may I receive Him with the love and devotion befitting so stupendous a favour !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may prepare worthily for the coming of the Holy Ghost. I offer it also for all who are now preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for First Communion. Oh, may this Blessed Spirit work more and more effectually in the hearts of the faithful every day !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, Giver of gifts, Thou hast given me Thyself, the best of gifts. Oh, prepare me now for that gift which Thou art about to send down upon Thy Church ! I desire to receive this Blessed Spirit in all His fulness. Oh, may there be nothing in me to hinder me from a full participation in His Divine gifts ! Thou knowest also, O my Jesus, what grace I most especially need : I beseech Thee bestow it on me.

Monday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the gifts of wisdom and understanding*. He alone knows how much I need these gifts, and He desires to give them to me more than I can possibly desire it myself. What confidence, then, may I not have of obtaining them !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gifts of wisdom and understanding. O my sweet Jesus, make me truly wise, and give me a right understanding in all things. I offer it also for all who instruct others, and for those who are instructed.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my sweet Lord, oh, grant me these gifts of wisdom and understanding in all their fulness. Pour forth these gifts in rich abundance upon Thy Church, that a true and heavenly wisdom may guide all Thy people, and a right understanding enable them to obey Thy blessed will perfectly.

Tuesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of counsel*. This blessed gift will enable me to act with holy prudence in all my affairs, temporal and spiritual. How many miseries I might have been saved, had I always been guided by this blessed spirit!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of counsel, that I may always choose that which is most pleasing to Thee. I offer it also for all who have the direction and guidance of souls, especially for my own Director, Superior [*or —*].

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I humbly beseech Thee to fill me with this blessed gift. Oh, may my thoughts and purposes be always guided by Thy good Spirit, may all my decisions be governed by Thy inspirations! Pour forth this gift also, O Lord, I beseech Thee, on all who have the direction of souls, and especially on those to whom the care of my soul is committed by Thy Providence.

Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the gift of fortitude*. Who shall say how necessary this gift is for all who desire to live a life of perfection and union with God ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of fortitude, that I may always do Thy will with courage and generosity, whatever it may cost me. I offer it also for all who are in situations of temptation or difficulty, and for all priests and religious on foreign missions.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, oh, be my strength, be my fortitude, and grant me this blessed gift in all its abundant might. May I never hesitate when duty seems difficult or pleasure enticing. Do Thou so abide in me that I may not even have a thought but to follow Thee on the narrow path to Calvary. Pour forth this precious gift in abundance, O Lord, I beseech Thee, on all

the tried and tempted, wherever and however situated, and especially on all priests and religious on foreign missions.

Thursday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the gift of knowledge*. How necessary is this gift for me ! I must know the will of God before I can accomplish it ; and I cannot know it unless I am enlightened by God.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of knowledge in all its fulness. I offer it also for all who are aspiring to lives of perfection in religion or in the world.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, teach me, oh, teach me to know Thy will. Grant me grace to be so faithful in accomplishing what I do know, as to merit daily to know more and more.

Friday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the gift of piety*. O blessed gift—gift that will make me happy in time and in eternity—gift that will make me both to know and to do God's holy will, and thus to secure my salvation, and, it may be, the salvation of many souls.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of piety. I offer it also for the young, for little children, and for all who are preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. O sweet Jesus, may their young hearts be replenished with this precious gift yet more and more !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, O grant me the gift of piety ; not of a mere profession of devotion ; not of a mere exterior desire of honouring Thee and Thy Saints ; but a real, deep, self-sacrificing piety, that desires nothing but Thy service, Thy worship, and Thy will, at any expense to self-love.

Saturday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the gift of fear*. Let me learn from the Mother of Jesus how to prize and treasure this gift. She who loved most had least occasion to fear most, and yet she was “troubled” when addressed in words that seem too high for her humility. Oh, let us learn from her to fear with a holy fear, that we may learn to love with her also !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of fear. Oh, grant to me such a holy fear in time, that in eternity I may have no cause to fear ! Oh, grant me such a holy fear during my life, that I may be without fear at the awful moment of my death ! I offer it also to obtain this gift for all hardened and obstinate sinners.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, my Love, Thou Thyself didst fear, and wert heard for Thy reverence ; and I, a wretched creature, dare to act as if there were no God,

whose judgments I should fear, or rather whose least displeasure I should dread. Oh, teach me Thyself, sweet Jesus, this holy fear—this fear which deepens and enhances love!

Whit Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the Holy Ghost*. Now the Eternal Three will come and make Their abode with me. How have I prepared myself for this favour? Do I even value it sufficiently? I say daily that I believe in the Holy Ghost, but do I make my belief *practical* by seeking His help in every difficulty? Come, Blessed Spirit, come even now, with Thy sevenfold gifts, into my poor soul. Come, and fill it with Thy light and love, and teach me how to value and how to use the gifts which Jesus bequeathed as His parting legacy to the Church.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the gift of the Holy Ghost in all its fulness, and especially to ob-

tain in great abundance whatever special gift I need most for my sanctification. I offer it also to obtain the same grace for the whole Church, and for every individual member of it.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, how shall I thank Thee for Thy love? Oh, do Thou so fill me with Thyself, and unite me to Thyself, that this Blessed Spirit may love to abide in me, and to replenish me with His choicest gifts. Sweet Jesus, Thou knowest what I most need from the Paraclete : oh, do Thou grant it to me now !

Abit Monday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Light of the world*. O my Jesus, Thou knowest how much I need this light. Alas ! it is the condemnation of the world that it loves darkness ; it would rather not see, lest haply, by seeing, it might be compelled to do Thy will ; but I desire to see. O sweet Jesus, give me light.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain light, especially for light to know more perfectly Thy will in my regard, to fulfil better the duties of my station in life. I offer it also for all who are in spiritual darkness, that they may see the truth.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, Thou art Thyself the Light. Oh, fill me so with Thyself, that I may become full of light! Then, indeed, shall I see and know Thy will, and have not only light but strength to accomplish it perfectly.

Whit Tuesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of life*. Thou hast come, O my Jesus, that we may have life, and that we may “have it more abundantly.” Oh, give me life—give me Thyself, the Living Life—give me Thy Life-giving Spirit in all its fulness.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain great spiritual vitality—to obtain life. I offer it also for all who are dead in sin, that they may obtain life now, while the rich gifts of the Holy Ghost are pouring forth upon the Church.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I possess Thee now, and possessing Thee I possess life. Oh, be Thou my Life, and the Life of my life! May I have no life but Thine; may my thoughts be Thy thoughts, my words Thy words, my actions Thy actions, my purposes Thy purposes; may I love only what Thou willest, and will only what Thou desirest! O my Life, my Love, my Jesus, may I never have any other life but Thine!

Abbit Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Bread of life*. My life needs nourishment. If I do not eat I shall die; but Jesus comes that I may eat, and He will have me so united to Him, that I may eat no other food but Himself. This Bread—this Eucha-

ristic Bread—is His Flesh, and He has given it for the life of the world.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love in giving Thyself to us as the Bread of life. I offer it also for all who minister at Thy altars, and for all who are preparing for Holy Orders, to obtain for them the grace and gift of a most ardent devotion and deepest reverence to the Most Holy Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—And hast Thou, indeed, come to me to be my Food? and wilt Thou, indeed, stoop so low to Thy poor creatures? O Jesus, Jesus my Love, no human heart can thank Thee, no human love can repay Thee. To feed upon a God—to eat His Flesh to support my life! What shall I say to Thee, O Heart of my Beloved? I cannot thank Thee. O Mary, thank my Jesus for me, for thou alone didst receive Him worthily in the Sacrament of Life—thou alone didst repay Him for His love by a perfect return of thine.

Whit Thursday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Sender of His preachers*. How fervently we should pray for those to whom He gives this high commission! Hundreds are now preparing to receive it. Perhaps if the children of the Church prayed more fervently and earnestly at such times, their future mission would be more successful.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for all who are now about to receive the solemn commission to preach and teach in Thy name. Oh, may they preach by their lives, and teach by their example, even more than by their words and doctrine!

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee help me to thank Thee for Thy love in the Sacrament of Orders. I have never yet thanked Thee as I ought for this surpassing mercy. O my Jesus, how I should reverence each priest for Thy love, and how I should love Thee for each new minister sent into Thy sanctuary! Do Thou Thyself enable me to profit by their ministrations—by the

Sacraments which Thou hast Thyself ordained, and of which Thou hast made them the dispensers to Thy Church.

Friday in Whitsun Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Author of the Sacrament of Penance*. Let me reflect for one moment how terrible and hopeless life would be without this Sacrament. Let me ask myself if I use it as I should—if I thank God for it as I ought?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, and for all who are now about to receive authority to administer it.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, this Sacrament cost Thee Thy most precious Blood. Oh, may I never forget this when I approach the tribunal of Penance! It costs me but a few words, a passing humiliation, to obtain this stupendous favour; it cost Thee Thy

Blood. O my Jesus, I have never yet thanked Thee sufficiently for this Sacrament, but now I desire to do so; and I pray most ardently for all those on whom Thou art about to confer the privilege of administering it.

Saturday in Whitsun Week.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Preacher of the kingdom of God*. May I learn how to listen with humility and meekness to His Divine instructions!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for those about to receive Holy Orders, that they may indeed be preachers of the kingdom of God, both by the eloquence of their words and the sanctity of their lives; that they may ever be zealous and fervent in proclaiming the praises and the glories of Thy Immaculate Mother.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, preach to me even now in my poor heart the words of eternal life. Oh! tell me what I ought

to do to please Thee more, and then give me strength, by Thy own indwelling in my soul, that I may be able to accomplish it.

Trinity Sunday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my God*. O ever-blessed Trinity, how canst Thou stoop so low? Art Thou not ever seeking after Thy creatures, while Thy creatures are continually forgetting Thee? Art Thou not ever pouring forth Thy benefits upon us, while we repay them with the vilest ingratitude?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the adorable and ever-blessed Trinity. I know that the Sacrifice of the Altar is the only sacrifice worthy of God, because it is God Himself who is sacrificed. Deign then, I beseech Thee, O Lord, to offer Thyself for me as an oblation of praise, adoration, and thanksgiving.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast said, "If any one love Me, he will keep

My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him." My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day notwithstanding my utter unworthiness. I beseech Thee bring the Father also, and the Holy Ghost. I beseech Thee abide with me, make Thy *abode* with me; so that by Thy presence I may become daily more and more worthy of this grace.

Monday.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Great High Priest*. O my Jesus, Thy priesthood has given efficacy and power to the priesthood of Thy Church. Thou hast entered into the heavens to plead for us. What may we not hope for through Thy intercession?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those priests who have been so unhappy as to

apostatize or to treat the Divine mysteries with irreverence. O my Jesus, would that I could weep tears of blood in reparation for such outrages on Thy love !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, I desire to make reparation for others ; but, alas ! I need that others should make reparation for me. How often have I outraged Thee in this Sacrament of Love by my coldness and indifference ! Oh, may I never, never grieve Thee again during the remainder of my life !

Tuesday.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Spouse of virgins*. O sweet Jesus, it was for virgins, for those especially consecrated to Thee, that Thou didst specially institute this mystery of love. This is the wine from whence they spring, the corn which supports their life of supernatural virtue. May I also merit a share in the special graces Thou dost reserve for them, by the purity of my life and actions !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who are consecrated to Thee in religion, and for any coldness or indifference they may have shown towards this adorable Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, unite me to Thyself by each Communion more and more. My Jesus, so live in me that I may never be separated from Thee in time or in eternity, that I may not be able to offend Thee ; lest while I offer Thee reparation for the sins of others, I may need it yet more for my own sins.

Wednesday.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION.—Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Food of His people*. O sweet Jesus, Thou art our Love and our Life, our Manna in the world's wilderness, which we should gather day by day. But, alas ! how many loathe this Bread of Angels, and will not sacrifice themselves even in the merest trifle to obtain it !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the neglect, indifference, and coldness of Thy people towards the Most Holy Sacrament. O my Jesus, would that I could atone to Thee for such crimes by my very life !

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Jesus, loving so much and loved so little, teach me how to love Thee. Alas ! my Jesus, that Thou shouldest even be treated with coldness or indifference, and, alas ! a thous and and a thousand times. Alas ! that Thou art treated but too often with contempt. Oh, kindle a burning love of the Most Holy Sacrament in the souls of all the faithful, and accept in reparation for our indifference the ardent love of Thy priests, the devotion of Thy virgins, the adorations of all who have dedicated their lives to perpetual adoration.

Corpus Christi.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Life*. He has said—O words

of wondrous love and mercy!—"As I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me the same also shall live by Me." Jesus, then, is my Life: I must receive Him as my Life; I must love Him as my Life; I must cherish Him as my Life. The Apostle of Jesus has said: "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." But my Jesus has done more for me; He has not only laid down His life for me, He has also given it to me to support my life. He has saved my life by a miracle of mercy; He now supports and keeps me alive by a miracle of love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion, with the most ardent love of which my poor heart is capable, in thanksgiving to Thee for Thy surpassing love in giving Thyself to be my Life. Thou alone canst worthily thank Thyself for this stupendous favour.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast come to me as my Life. Oh, grant, I beseech Thee, that I may live by Thee each day more and more! Thou knowest, O my dear Lord, how much I

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need Thy Life ; Thou knowest how I should perish utterly without this blessed Food. Oh, may I never, never grieve Thy love by receiving it with indifference or coldness !

Friday after Corpus Christi.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who loves to be loved*. Alas ! my sweet Jesus, and a thousand times alas ! that Thou shouldest desire our poor love, and that we should refuse it to Thee.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the coldness of Thy creatures. Alas ! my sweet Jesus, Thou dost offer Thyself to them to be their Food, and they refuse to partake of the Banquet. O my Lord, my Love, Thou alone canst make reparation to Thyself for such indifference.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou desirest above all things to be loved, and I desire above all things to love Thee. O sweet Jesus, do Thou enable me to do so. Do Thou love Thyself in me and for me, for I cannot love Thee as I desire.

Saturday after Corpus Christi.

Preparation as on yesterday.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion in reparation for the indifference of Thy creatures towards this Sacrament of Love. O sweet Jesus, would that many were even as earnest in seeking and desiring this Bread of life, as they are in seeking and desiring the bread which perisheth !

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire to console Thee for the indifference of Thy creatures ; but who shall console Thee for my indifference ? O my Divine Lord, grant that from this moment I may desire and seek this Living Bread, in preference to all besides.

Sunday in the Octave.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Host whose invitations are ungratefully refused*. Alas, sweet Lord ! if

Thou didst not compel some of Thy creatures to come to Thy Banquet, how few would avail themselves of Thy invitation !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who wilfully absent themselves from Thy holy Table. O sweet Lord, would that I could, in any manner, atone to Thee for these outrages on Thy love!

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, behold a guest at Thy Table whom Thou hast compelled to come to Thee by Thy love. May I not fear that I should never have approached Thee otherwise ! and perhaps, unhappily, I come from fear of Thy judgments, rather than from love of Thy love. O my Jesus, pardon me, I beseech Thee, and grant that I may be no longer a reluctant guest. May I never refuse Thy blessed invitation on idle and frivolous pretences, but rather may I run with zeal and ardour, and consider it my greatest, my only misery to be deprived of this Feast !

Monday.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God outraged by the blasphemies of His creatures*. There hath stood One in the midst whom they knew not. Alas ! sweet Lord, and must we not fear that many do not care to know Thee !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the blasphemies with which the Heart of Jesus is outraged in this Sacrament of Love. Oh, may I never forget that such crimes have been committed, and, alas ! that they may be committed again and again !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I desire to console Thy adorable Heart for the outrages of Thy creatures. Oh, would that I could prevent even one such outrage by the sacrifice of my life ! would that I could console Thee even for one such crime ! My Jesus, I offer Thee the love of all Thy Saints who have loved Thee most, and I pray that my own

love to the Most Holy Sacrament may increase and deepen every moment of my life.

Tuesday.

COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God grieved at the unbelief of His creatures*. Yes, our dear Lord may truly say, “If thou hadst known the gift of God :” and we who do know this gift, how do we act towards the Giver ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the cold unbelief of Thy creatures. Alas ! how many turn away, and say like the Jews of old : “How can this Man give us His Flesh to eat ?”

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my dear Lord, I know, I believe, that Thou hast fed me with Thy Flesh—that Thou abidest now within me. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief, and increase my faith in this blessed mystery.

Wednesday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of miracles*. How many and how wonderful have been the miracles wrought by our dear Lord in this Sacrament of Miracles. Have I ever yet thanked Him for them?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in most fervent thanksgiving for all the miracles which Thou hast been pleased to operate through the Most Holy Sacrament. May they enliven the faith of the faithful, and convert the unbelieving!

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I thank Thee from my inmost heart for all the miracles Thou hast worked in and by this Most Holy Sacrament. O my dear Lord, I beseech Thee, work one more miracle—perhaps it will be a greater one than any Thou hast yet performed—and effect my perfect conversion to Thee.

Thursday as on Corpus Christi.

Friday.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Heart of love*. O Love, would Thou wert loved, since Thou desirest this alone! Alas! that Thy creatures should dare to refuse it to Thee. O my dear Lord, I am more astonished at my coldness in refusing to love Thee, than at my presumption in daring to reject Thy tenderness.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the unceasing love of Thy adorable Heart, and for all the revelations by which Thou hast been pleased to make that love known to Thy creatures.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, Thou art within me now; fill me with the vivifying fire of Thy most ardent charity. Thou commandest me to love Thee, and I desire above all things to obey Thy command; but, alas! the world, and sin, and self, hold me back, in a threefold chain, from Thy blessed embraces. O my sweet Lord, help me now—oh, help me, on the Feast of Thy Sacred Heart, to

sever every tie, to break every link which hinders me from perfect union with Thee.

Saturday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Heart of love, desiring that His Mother should be loved also*. No son ever loved a mother as Jesus loved Mary ; and hence no son ever desired so ardently that His Mother should be loved, or felt more keenly when His Mother was dishonoured.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain an increase of love to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in reparation for all the insults and outrages offered to her.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thy Heart of love has loved Thy blessed Mother with a love far, far beyond all we can even imagine. Oh, teach me to love her as Thou hast loved her—to honour her as Thou hast honoured her. Thus may I hope to console Thee in some faint degree for the

griefs which Thy creatures cause Thee by their contempt and unkindness to her.

Third Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Heart of love, desiring the conversion of sinners above all things*. What couldst Thou do more, O my Lord, to convince me of the ardour of Thy desire? Thou dost indeed seek Thy sheep with unwearied patience, and rejoice at their recovery with surpassing love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the tender love of Thy adorable Heart for sinners, and to obtain the grace of conversion for all sinners in this town [*or village*]. O my sweet Jesus, since Thou desirest to bestow this grace upon them, grant them now the grace to accept Thy mercy.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Lover of sinners, have mercy upon me, a sinner. Dear Lord, Thou seest now all my necessities. Oh,

heal the diseases of my soul, and make my spiritual life strong and vigorous. Have mercy also on all those for whom I have prayed.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of souls*. Who may tell how ardently He desires our salvation? Oh, if we only desired it as He desires it, how willingly we should leave all things and follow Him!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain grace to renounce whatever hinders me from following Thee perfectly, and for all whom Thou hast called to follow Thee in religion, or to minister at Thy altar.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Lover of souls, I know Thou lovest my poor soul with unspeakable tenderness. O dear Lord, I beseech Thee manifest Thy love now by healing it of all its diseases, and by enabling me to renounce generously whatever may be a hindrance to following Thee perfectly.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of love*. O dear Lord, if we but loved each other as Thou hast loved us, how much holier and happier our lives would be! Teach me to follow Thy blessed example, and may I never approach Thy altar with the slightest feeling of resentment towards any of my fellow-creatures.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer Thee this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of universal charity, and especially for all those who are living at enmity, that they may see their sin, and repent ere it is too late.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God of love. Oh, fill me with Thy love! Thou art love. Oh, unite me to and in one so with Thyself, that I also may become love! May I ever exercise the tenderest charity towards others in my words, my thoughts, my actions, and even in my looks! Above all, my Jesus, may I so burn with Divine charity,

that the overflowings of my love to Thee may pour forth more and more on those whom Thou hast died to redeem.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God full of charity*. Behold what manner of love He manifests towards His poor creatures—how tenderly He cares even for their temporal necessities! Alas! how unlike Jesus we are in this!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the great grace of charity towards the poor, and in reparation for the grievous sins of those who refuse or neglect to assist Thy suffering members.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee fill me with this precious grace of earnest self-sacrificing charity. Oh, may I never, never refuse or even neglect to assist those whom Thou hast left as the representatives of Thy suffering love, as the channels through which we may offer Thee the homage of our tenderest charity!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Gleaner in the vineyard*. He is coming to the vineyard of my soul to seek for grapes. Alas! may I not fear He will find but few on the thorny vine of my heart!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may become fruitful in good works, and especially in ——. I offer it also for all who are labouring in Thy vineyard, and especially for all the members of the Society of St. Vincent of Paul.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I tremble when I think how little fruit Thou canst gather in the vineyard of my soul. O sweet Jesus, so fertilize it to-day by Thy sacramental presence, that from henceforth it may yield Thee rich and abundant fruit. I offer Thee all the good works of Thy Church to atone to Thee for my barrenness; and I pray Thee to bless and accept the labours of the Society of St. Vincent of Paul more and more.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to ask for an account of my stewardship. O Lord, what can I do but implore pardon for the past, and grace and help for the future?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of great earnestness and fidelity in all my duties, especially ——. I offer it also for all who have the cure of souls, and especially for the priests and religious of this parish.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Lord, I do indeed fear to render an account of my stewardship. I know I have too often laboured for self, when I should have laboured for Thee. I know I have too often sought my own will and pleasure instead of my Master's interest; but, now, sweet Jesus, I beseech of Thee forgive the past, and especially ——, and make me for the future, by Thy sacramental grace, live more faithfully for Thee.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who must be revered*. Alas ! that He should be obliged to command His creatures to pay Him the homage, which they would pay without a command to a fellow-creature. Alas ! that His temple should ever be profaned by irreverence and disrespect, which none would dare to offer in presence of an earthly monarch.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain great reverence in Thy service, and in reparation for all the irreverences committed in presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I beseech Thee drive out from the temple of my heart all that displeases Thee, not with the scourge of Thine anger, but rather with the fire of Thy love. I desire to worship Thee with my whole heart and soul and strength. Oh, may I never, never fail in this great duty !

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of the humble*. O dear Lord, how often and how grievously I have offended Thee by my pride! How often I have impiously thanked Thee, if not in words, at least in thought and feeling, that I was not like “the rest of men”! Henceforth I desire to consider all others better than myself, and for Thy love to practise true humility.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a true and profound humility. I offer it also in reparation for all the sins of pride by which Thou hast been offended, especially for my own.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, what a lesson of true humility Thou dost teach me in this Sacrament of Love! Thou wilt condescend to come even to me, the vilest, the most unworthy of Thy creatures. Dear Lord, I beseech Thee grant that I may learn humility from Thy blessed example, and that I may obtain grace to practise it by Thy sacramental strength.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of speech*. O dear Lord, would that this noble gift were employed only in Thy service ! Have we ever thanked Thee for it sufficiently, and do we remember that for this and every gift, natural and supernatural, we must give an account ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving to Thy love for the gift of speech, to obtain such effectual grace, that I may never use this faculty but for Thee alone. I offer it also in reparation for all sins of the tongue, and especially for all the sins I have myself committed.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O dear Lord, Thou didst loose the tongue of the dumb man, so that from henceforth "he spoke right ;" loose my tongue, I beseech Thee, that I may use it for Thee only, and in the way which will most promote Thy glory. Pardon me all the sins which I have committed by this unruly member. Oh, may the tongue, which has been sanctified by the touch of Thy adorable

Body, and reddened with the Blood of the Lamb, may it never, never, offend Thee by idle or sinful words!

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Good Samaritan*. How often hast thou bound up my wounds, O blessed Jesus, with the oil of Thy mercy and the wine of Thy love! how often hast Thou borne me, when I was unable to support myself! how often hast Thou paid for me “at the inn,” when I was so deep in debt that only Thou couldst release me!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great spirit of self-sacrifice. Oh, may I show such compassion towards others as to move Thee to have compassion upon me!

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the *Good Samaritan*. Oh, heal and bind up the wounds of my poor soul, especially —, for which Thou

knowest I so much need a cure ; and then, dear Lord, give me grace to show mercy to others.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires to receive our thanksgiving*. How often have I been cleansed by Him, and how seldom have I even thanked Him once for His love ! How many mercies do I not receive daily, as a mere matter of course, without one *Deo Gratias* !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great spirit of thanksgiving, and in reparation for the sins of those who never thank Thee for Thy mercies.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast not only cleansed me from my sin, but Thou hast come Thyself to be an antidote against sin. Thou hast cured me by Thy touch, and Thou abidest with me to save me from a relapse. O dear Lord, enable me to thank Thee worthily.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who cares tenderly for His creatures*. Alas ! that I should ever have doubted His love, or mistrusted His providences. Let me dwell in adoring tenderness on all the gentle expostulations—on all the convincing reasons He has used to excite my confidence in Him.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain an unbounded trust in Thy providences, and for all widows and orphans, especially for those poor children who are in danger of losing their faith in workhouses and prisons.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, may I never again mistrust Thee, however dark the present or the future may seem ! Since Thou hast given Thyself to me, may I not be well assured that Thou wilt give me all things ! Since I possess Thee, what more should I desire ? O sweet Jesus, who dost feed the birds and clothe the lilies, have mercy upon our poor orphan children ; give

them courage to persevere in the faith, and raise up kind and generous friends to help them in their hour of need.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of tender compassion*. O dear Lord, may I learn, from Thy blessed example, never to see any soul in affliction without being “moved with mercy” towards it; and may my mercy be like Thine, and manifest itself in real active charity.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great tenderness towards others; and I offer it also for all who are in affliction.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, behold a poor soul, all but dead, who needs Thy tenderest care. Have pity upon me, O Lord, I beseech Thee, and raise me to a new and holier life. Thou hast done more than “touch the bier,” for Thou hast come even into my very soul. May I live henceforth

by Thy life ! Have mercy upon all who are in affliction, and may they find help and strength more and more in the adorable Sacrament of Thy Love.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of humility*. Dear Lord, Thou hast given me the example of this virtue ; give me also the grace to practise it.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a true and profound humility, and in thanksgiving for the humility of Thy Immaculate Mother.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, give me grace to seek the lowest place every where on earth, that so by Thy love I may obtain a high place—a place near Thee in heaven. I ask this specially through the intercession of Mary, the great model of profound humility.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my God*. I must learn from the Gospel of to-day how to honour His Divinity and His Humanity. I must learn that in the one true Church only can the doctrine of the Incarnation be rightly understood ; there alone is Jesus honoured both as David's Son and David's Lord.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of, and in thanksgiving for, the great mystery of a God made man. I offer it also especially for the conversion of heretics, who do not understand or fully believe this great mystery.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, do Thou enable me to understand rightly and to believe firmly all the mysteries of faith. Thou alone canst give me the power of obedience with the grace of faith. Have mercy also, dear Lord, I beseech Thee, upon all heretics, and enlighten them to believe all that Thou hast revealed to Thy Church.

Ember Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Giver of the Sacraments*. This week should be one of most earnest prayer. The Lord of the Sacraments is about to confer the power of administering the Sacraments on many of His faithful servants : shall we not supplicate Him with our whole hearts for their perseverance and sanctification ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for all those about to receive Holy Orders, that they may obtain the grace of a great spirit of prayer, and great holiness of life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Lord, I supplicate Thee, with my whole heart, for those about to receive Holy Orders. I offer Thee all the fasts and prayers of the faithful which are now being offered up for them, and I pray Thee to fill them with the fire of Thy love, with an ardent zeal for their own perfection, that thus they may bring others to Thee more quickly and more securely.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus, Thou art coming to me to-day as the *God of miracles*. Alas! even now Thy people refuse to believe Thy wonders, and say, as they said of old, “He blasphemeth.” Should not we, Thy children, offer Thee our most fervent reparations for those outrages on Thy love?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who refuse to believe Thy miracles, and in thanksgiving for Thy love in still continuing these manifestations of Thy power in the Church, even in this unbelieving age.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my dear Lord, pardon those unhappy men who dare to say now as they said of old, “He blasphemeth;” and pardon me, my Jesus, for all my unbelief, enliven my faith, and deepen my love every hour and moment of my life.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *King inviting me to His Marriage Feast*. And is it possible, O dearest Lord, that Thy invitations could be refused? Alas! have I not all but refused them myself, and do I not see them refused even with contempt day after day?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may indeed be permitted to sit as a guest at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb; that I may be attired in the wedding garment, and may never either refuse Thy invitations or be expelled from Thy Banquet.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my dear, dear, Lord, hast Thou not already seated me at this blessed Feast—hast Thou not already fed me with better Food than “the beeves and fatlings” of a king. O sweet Jesus, I have come, and I have eaten of Thy Feast. May it be a pledge and foretaste to me of that Eternal Feast to which Thou dost so lovingly invite all Thy children!

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Healer of our diseases*. Even now He is coming down to my house, even now He has spoken the word. Oh, what may I not hope for when He arrives under the roof of my soul !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thou mayest heal all the diseases of my soul, and especially that disease which Thou knowest to be most dangerous to my eternal salvation. I offer it also for all whose souls are sick with sin, and especially for all now in danger of dying in mortal sin.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Healer of our diseases, how shall I thank Thee for Thy exceeding love ! Heal me now, my dear, dear, Lord, of that disease which Thou knowest to be most dangerous to my poor soul. Have mercy also on all who are now dying in sin, and save them, oh, save them, in Thy mercy, from eternal death.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of forgiveness*. O dear Lord, how freely and how generously Thou dost forgive Thy poor sinful creatures, and how unwilling those creatures are to forgive each other ! Thou forgivest the ten thousand talents, and we will not forgive the hundred pence.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of forgiving those who injure me, whether by great or little offences, promptly and generously. I offer it also to obtain the same grace for all those who are at enmity with others.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, who hast forgiven me so many times, oh, forgive me once more—forgive me each time I need forgiveness. Alas ! I fear it will exceed the seventy times seven ; but Thy mercy alone can exceed my sins. Oh, may I never, never, refuse to forgive the offences of others, and may I forgive freely, and from my very heart !

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of justice*. Let me learn from His blessed example how to render to all their due. Oh, may I never make Cæsar an excuse for neglecting God, or, in pretence of honouring God, refuse the honour due to the powers He has ordained!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a great love of justice, and that I may practise it faithfully in all my intercourse with others. I offer it also for all unhappy and misguided persons who rebel against lawful authority.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee give me a right understanding in all things, that I may daily know and accomplish Thy adorable will more and more perfectly in all my relations with others; so that for love of Thee I may love all, and for love of Thee honour all to whom honour is justly due.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of life and death*. With what confidence should I not commit all that concerns my last moments to His care ! I shall not die a moment sooner than He wills, and all that will happen then has been pre-ordained by Him in the tenderest love and mercy.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a happy death and a glorious resurrection. I offer it also for all who are now in their agony.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou knowest when I shall die. Thou knowest now that awful moment which will be to me so full of fear and uncertainty. O my dear Lord, grant, I beseech Thee, that I may die in full consciousness ; and, having received all the rites of the Church, may my last breath be received by Thee, and may Thy Immaculate Mother and my holy Angel Guardian conduct my soul, if it may be, even direct to Paradise. O my dear Lord,

grant that I may receive Thee here so frequently and so fervently, in the Sacrament of Thy love, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Judge of all mankind*. Oh, may I meditate with such fear now upon the day of judgment, that I may be without fear when that awful moment arrives !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a favourable sentence at the judgment-day. I offer it also with the same intention for all those for whom I am bound to pray.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as the Judge of all mankind. O sweet Jesus, I know the day will come when Thou wilt no longer appear concealed beneath the Eucharistic species, but manifest to all in power and glory. Sweet Jesus, do Thou so unite me to Thyself now,

that I may not fear in that day of doom,
and help me during the coming Advent so to
reform my life that I may behold Thee then
without fear.

INTENTIONS
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INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY.

First Friday in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *suffering Infant*. I must try to console His Infant Heart ; and yet I know too well that I have caused its sorrows. How good, how loving He is, to permit one who has injured Him so much even to approach Him !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sufferings of Thy Circumcision, that I may obtain great courage and generosity to bear whatever sufferings Thou mayest send me during this year, and for all orphan and destitute children.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I desire to console the sorrows of Thy Infant Heart ; but, alas ! since I have caused these sorrows, how can I console Thee for them ? I will endeavour at least, O my Jesus, to bear whatever trials Thou mayest send me with patience, and to assist some poor child for love of Thee.

For the Saturdays in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Child weeping for the dolours of His Mother*. Who can tell what suffering it caused the Heart of the Infant Jesus to see His Mother in a cold stable, and despised by His creatures ? Who may tell how He grieved for her grief at the moment of the Circumcision ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the grief of Mary in the Circumcision, and that she may offer the Blood Thou didst shed in that mystery for the conversion of sinners.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I offer Thee the sorrows of Thy faultless Mother in reparation for the sins by which I have too often grieved Thee ; and I beseech Thee to accept the merit of her sorrow for the conversion of sinners. O my dear Lord, may the Precious Blood of Thy Circumcision purify me from every stain, and increase my devotion to Mary!

For the Mondays in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Child full of tenderness for the sufferings of others*. He is willing to suffer Himself. He suffers with joy ; but He desires to save others from even the least pain.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My sweet Infant Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory who have been most devoted to the Infant Jesus.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my dear Infant King, would that we desired to save Thee from suffering as ardently as Thou desirest to save us from it ! Now that Thou abidest in

my soul, oh, purify it from all that grieves Thee now, from all that might cause me a long separation from Thee hereafter. By the love of Thy Infant Heart, I beseech Thee have mercy upon the souls in Purgatory, and grant them pardon and release.

Tuesdays in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as an *Infant who has wholly resigned His will*. Oh, what a lesson He teaches me of perfect submission, of loving submission, of peaceful submission, of joyful submission !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Infant King, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a perfect and loving submission to Thy Divine will during the coming year. I offer it also to obtain the same grace for all who are in affliction.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, I offer Thee my will. Do Thou so unite it with Thine, that henceforth I may not have even a choice, a desire, or an inclination but Thine.

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Wednesdays in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *the reputed Son of Joseph*. Behold, how tenderly the great St. Joseph watches over his Foster-son ! Behold, how sweetly the little Jesus accepts his services—how He values his devotion !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Infant Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the special protection of St. Joseph during the coming year : may he help me in all necessities, temporal and spiritual, and may I become daily more worthy of his help !

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, teach me how to love and honour this great Saint, and ask him, by the honour Thou didst confer upon him, to become my special protector. O my sweet Jesus, make me worthy of this favour, and may I honour Thee more and more, by devotion to the faithful guardian of Thy holy Childhood !

Thursdays in January.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *an Infant desiring to feed others, rather than to be fed Himself*. O sweet Jesus, while other infants weep if they do not obtain all they desire, Thou weepest only because we will not accept what Thou art willing to give. May we never more cause Thee this sorrow !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My sweet Infant Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain an intense devotion to the Most Holy Sacrament, which Thou art already desiring so ardently to give us, and for all preparing for First Communion.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Jesus, I have come to Bethlehem to the *House of Bread*, and Thou, my dear, dear Lord, Thou hast fed me with this Bread. Thou desirest that I should eat, and it does not grieve Thee if Thou art hungry. Oh, may I never, never grieve Thee by refusing this heavenly Food !

Festivals in January.

JAN. 18.—ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Head of the Church*. By Him the mighty powers of binding and loosing is conferred upon the Apostles, but principally upon Peter, the Church's Rock. How fervently we should thank God for delegating this mighty power to His priests, and how earnestly we should pray for the representative and successor of Peter !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for our Holy Father the Pope, that his enemies and Thine may be confounded, and that he may obtain eternal rewards of surpassing glory for all the trials and sufferings of his life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee grant me the grace of the most profound love and reverence for Thy Vicar, and grant to him, dear Lord, the choicest graces of Thy Infant Heart.

JAN. 20.—SS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Strength of Martyrs*. How glorious are their triumphs ! how beautiful their faith ! how admirable their patience ! But we need no longer marvel at their virtue. It is Jesus, the Strength of Martyrs, who is their strength, and who will be ours also in the little daily trials we find so insupportable, and under which we sink so often only because we do not seek strength where alone it can be found.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of —,* and in thanksgiving for their [*his* or *her*] glorious triumph. I offer it also to obtain strength and courage in the trials of my daily life, and that I may emulate the generosity and love of Thy blessed Martyrs.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou who didst enable Thy Martyrs to endure such torments, oh, enable me to bear my light and

* The same Intention can be used for all feasts of Martyrs through the year.

passing trials with courage, constancy, and love. Thy sacramental presence was their strength. Oh, that I might also find the same help therein ! Thou art still the Bread of the strong ; but, alas ! we use not this Bread aright, and hence too often we become “ weak and infirm.” O sweet Jesus, Strength of Martyrs, strengthen me daily more and more to suffer and to love.

JAN. 21.—ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Strength of the weak*, How I should blush when I reflect on the courage of the virgin Martyrs—when I consider their sufferings, and compare them with my little trials ! But Jesus is the Strength of the weak. Henceforth I will seek strength in Him, and from Him alone.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the glorious victory of Thy blessed Martyr, St. Agnes, and that I may obtain, through her merits and

intercession, strength in every moment of weakness, whether of body or soul, and for all her clients.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou alone knowest how weak I am, and Thou alone canst strengthen my weakness. Do Thou so fill me with Thyself, and so unite me to Thyself, that I may henceforth be strong with Thy strength, courageous with Thy courage, and thus that I may gain the victory for Thee in every assault of my enemy.

JAN. 23.—THE ESPOUSALS, B. V. M.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Son of Mary*. For His blessed Mother's sake woman is now released from the bondage of the Old Law, and free to choose her state of life. Now she may be a virgin espoused to Jesus, or a wife whose nuptial tie is a holy Sacrament. Let us remember that if we owe the example and privileges of virginity to Mary, we also owe to her the honour of a Sacrament foreshadowed to-day by the ceremony of her Espousals.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour and in thanksgiving for the Espousals of Mary and Joseph, praying that, through their blessed intercession, I may obtain grace faithfully to fulfil the duties of whatever state of life Thou hast appointed for me.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, I thank Thee for the blessed example which Thou hast given to every state in life ; and I pray, by Thy blessed presence in my soul, that Thou wilt enable me faithfully to fulfil the duties of mine.

JAN. 25.—CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of power*. With Him all things are possible, and He alone can effect the conversion of a sinner or an unbeliever. Let us learn to pray more for the conversion of others, and it may be our efforts for the future will have greater success.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the conversion of St. Paul, in thanksgiving for all conversions to the true faith, for the conversion of England, and especially of —.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day as a God of power. Thou knowest, O Lord, how much I need this grace of conversion which I ask for others. I offer Thee my most fervent thanks for Thy love in having made me a member of Thy one True Church ; but thou knowest how much I need conversion from evil habits, and, alas ! even from sinful inclinations, especially from —. Oh ! by the merits and intercession of Thy holy Apostle, grant me this grace, and the grace of conversion to —.

JAN. 29.—ST. FRANCIS OF SALES.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of universal charity*. May I learn from the example of this blessed Saint how to practise this virtue which is so dear to the Heart of Jesus !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Francis of Sales, for all religious of the Order of the Visitation, for all his clients, and that I may obtain, through his blessed intercession, the grace of universal charity.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou art the very God of love. Oh, teach me to love others as Thou hast loved me ; to bear with others as Thou hast borne with me ; to sacrifice myself for others as Thou hast sacrificed Thyself for me !

INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

First Friday in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *suffering Child*. Who may know what the Heart of Jesus suffered in His childhood? what sights His sacred Humanity beheld? what sounds fell upon His all-holy ears? Ah, who shall console Him for the sorrows of His childhood? Are there, then, no little children to whom we may do as we would wish to have done to Him?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sorrows of Thy Sacred Heart in Thy childhood, and to obtain a great love of little children for all the faithful.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, grant that I may even once do for some little child an act of charity which Thou mayest count as

done unto Thyself, that thus I may console Thee in some measure for the sufferings of Thy adorable Heart. O sweet Jesus, pour forth into the hearts of all the faithful an intense love of orphans and destitute children, so that many may devote themselves to help and succour them.

First Saturday in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son grieving for His Mother's sorrow in the flight into Egypt*. Would that I could console the Son by comforting the Mother ; but, alas ! have not I, too, often grieved her by driving Jesus from my heart ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sorrows of Mary's heart in the flight into Egypt, and for the sorrow I have too often caused her by driving Thee from my heart. Oh, may I never grieve her thus again ! I offer it also for the conversion of the heathen, and for all priests on foreign missions.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee to abide within my heart, and so to unite me to Thyself, that I may not be able to grieve Thee again ; and do Thou, O my dearest Lord, invite Thy blessed Mother to remain with me also, that her presence may secure Thine.

Mondays in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of justice*. He will exact a most severe account of the stewardship of those whom He has appointed to high places in His vineyard. How earnestly I should pray for those who even now are suffering in love, loving to suffer, and yet unable to love as they desire !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory, especially for all who have occupied high places in the Church, for Thy Vicars, Cardinals, and Prelates. I offer it also that my poor soul may be puri-

fied here from all that might cause it suffering hereafter.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I know Thy justice is severe, but even in its severity who may tell the depths of love? Blessed, and a thousand times blessed, be Thy love, in permitting us to expiate hereafter the evil we have done here. But, O my Jesus, since this expiation must separate the soul from Thee, so unite me now to Thyself, in Thy mercy and Thy love, and purify me by Thy sacramental presence in my soul, that I may not need a long separation from Thee hereafter.

Tuesdays in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Child desiring generously to bestow gifts on His friends*. Ah, my sweet Jesus, Thou wilt give all to others, and keep nothing but tears and sufferings for Thyself. May I learn to imitate Thy blessed example!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain whatever special grace Thou

knowest me to need most for my salvation, and I ask the same favour for all my family [or *sisters*].

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I know how Thou desirest to give: alas! that we should ourselves prove the obstacle to obtaining all we need. O sweet Jesus, prepare me now, by Thy blessed presence in my soul, for obtaining whatever Thou seest I need most for my salvation and sanctification, and then bestow on me the gift for which Thou hast prepared me.

Wednesdays in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of life and death*. He alone knows the awful moment at which I must appear in His presence to be judged. Would to God that my ignorance made me tremble instead of making me indifferent!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Joseph, to obtain

the grace of a happy death, and for all who may die this year.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, abide with me in life and in death ; and even as Thou didst assist and protect Thy blessed foster-father in his last moments, assist and protect me in that hour of fear. O my Jesus, so live in me now, that I may not fear to behold Thee then.

Thursdays in February.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Food*. How great a thing it is that God should die for His creatures ; but, oh, how sweet it is that He should be their Food ! Our food is the source of our life. Oh, may I learn so to live upon this Food, that I may have no other life !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love in giving Thyself to be my Food. And even as each kind of food has its own special qualities, so I beseech Thee, O my God,

grant that this Food may be to me to-day that special spiritual nourishment which I need most.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, since Thou hast fed me with Thyself, oh, nourish me with Thyself. Alas ! I may receive food in vain. Oh, let me never more receive this Food in vain ! As my years increase, may its power be more and more increased within me, so that each Communion may renew and increase my spiritual life more and more.

Festivals in February.

FEB. 8.—THE PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Light of the world*. Oh, may I never forget that this blessed Light first shone in Mary's womb, and was first manifested to the world by her.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Purification of Thy blessed Mother, that through her inter-

cession my poor soul may be purified from every stain of sin, and that I may be enlightened to know Thy will each day more and more perfectly.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast come to me as my Light. Oh, shine, sweet Infant King—shine brightly in this poor little heart, and show me all its darkness. Shine with such a light of love, that the darkness may be banished, and that I may see only as Thou seest, love only as Thou lovest, will only as Thou willest, think only as Thou thinkest, act only as Thou actest, speak only as Thou speakest. Mary, my mother, obtain for me this grace, thou who hast given us the Light, from whom alone we can obtain it.

FEB. 10.—ST. SCHOLASTICA, V.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of Virgins*. How tenderly He loves those pure and holy souls, who leave all to follow Him, and in leaving all find all!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for all the religious of the Order

of St. Benedict, and especially for all who bear the name of this great Saint, that they may imitate her dovelike purity, and her love of prayer.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Lover of Virgins, through the merits and intercession of this most gentle Saint, grant me the grace of a pure, childlike, loving confidence in Thee, so that I may, like her, ask of Thee what I desire in all my necessities, even though I may not merit to obtain such favours. And, my sweet Jesus, do Thou bless with Thy special love each religious of the dear and ancient Order of St. Benedict.

FEB. 22.—ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH.

See page 148.

FEB. 24.—ST. MATHIAS, APOSTLE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Friend of His Apostles*.*

* The same Intention may be used for all the feasts of Apostles.

Ah, my Lord, if the friends of an earthly monarch are deemed worthy of all possible honour, how shall we honour the friends of the King of kings ! If the favourites of a prince are entreated by his courtiers, with what earnestness should we not supplicate the favourites of the celestial court !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the beloved Apostle St. Mathias, and for all Bishops and Prelates of Thy Church, that they devote themselves to the flocks whom Thou hast confided to their care with a like zeal and devotedness.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, help me to honour the friends whom Thou dost honour. Ah, dear Lord, may I never be so unhappy as to despise those who may yet rank as princes in Thy courts, though their future dignity may be never even suspected while they are on earth. Sweet Jesus, do Thou so unite me to Thyself, that I may know Thy friends by a special instinct of holy love, and honour them even here with a tender affection.

INTENTIONS FOR MARCH.

First Friday in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *Wheat bruised by the threshers*. When Jesus willed to give Himself for our Food, He knew what He should suffer from our coldness, and from the cruelty of those who bruised Him as corn trampled under foot in the threshing-floor ; and yet He is willing to suffer all, and more, to win our love, and feed our souls.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for Thy bodily sufferings, and for the suffering which Thou didst endure, foreseeing the injuries which would be inflicted on Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament. O my sweet Lord, may I never be one of those who injure Thee thus.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast come to me to-day to be my Food.

Thou knowest how I need this Food. O sweet Jesus, may I live on It and by It more and more ; and may I console Thee by my love for all the insults Thou didst foresee and accept when preparing this Food for me.

Saturdays in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day *sorrowing for His Mother's anguish when she lost Him for three days.* Alas ! had we not lost Jesus so often by our sin, His blessed Mother would have been spared the anguish of this dolour. Let us try to console her by our fervour in seeking Him now.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the grief of Mary, when she lost Thee for three days, and that I may never, never lose Thee by wilful sin, or even by the least imperfection.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, now that Thou hast come to me, I beseech Thee abide with me eternally. Oh, give to my poor soul such a burning love of Thee, that I may

never bear to be separated from Thee even for a moment.

Mondays in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of justice*. But happily for us, poor sinners, His justice may be appeased and satisfied by the merits of His Saints. May we not hope that the merits of the great Saint, whose month we now celebrate, will obtain much for us from God?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory most devoted to St. Joseph, and especially for the souls of priests and religious.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou canst refuse nothing to Thy holy foster-father, St. Joseph. For his sake I beseech Thee have mercy on the souls in Purgatory, and through his merits may I obtain the grace of such union with Thee here, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter.

Tuesdays in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God suffering for my sins*. O my Jesus, how shall I console Thee for the sorrows which I have caused Thee? What can I do to repair the wrongs I have done Thee? Alas! must I not fear that I shall only add to Thy griefs each day, instead of consoling Thee for them?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sufferings Thou hast endured on account of my sins, and that I may obtain such grace, by the merit of these sufferings, that I may never offend Thee more.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my sweet Saviour, I see what suffering my sins have caused Thee. Ah, would that I could console Thee for such pain! would that I could even hope never to grieve Thee more! O my Jesus, since Thou hast suffered so much for me, grant me what I now ask, and so unite me to Thyself that I may not be able to offend Thee.

Wednesdays in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *reputed Son of Joseph*. He will not deny in heaven the tie which He formed on earth ; nay, He will rather enhance the love He bore His foster-father here by a special attention to his wishes in heaven. What may I not hope for then, if St. Joseph will be my advocate with God ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for all the privileges Thou hast bestowed on him, and that he may obtain for me all the graces necessary for my salvation.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I desire to honour Thee by honouring those whom Thou hast chosen as Thy special friends. Oh, grant me, for the sake of this great Saint, all that I need for my salvation, and all that I need to obtain an interior spirit and a love of prayer, like his.

Thursdays in March.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Priest*. Alas ! might I not also add as my Victim ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that my Priest, Jesus, may grant me whatever He knows I need most for my eternal salvation, and especially a most ardent devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my Priest, and, alas ! the Victim of my sins, Thou hast ransomed me as my Priest, Thou hast fed me as my Victim. O my Jesus, may I so feed upon Thee, and become so incorporated into Thee by this blessed Food, that I may be able to obtain from Thee all the graces I need for my own soul, and abundant graces for the souls of others !

Festivals in March.

MARCH 1.—MONTH OF DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires that His Saints should be honoured*. I know that there is no saint whom God has honoured as He honours St. Joseph. I may therefore be assured that there is no saint whom I should honour so deeply. O great Saint, I desire to consecrate this month especially to thy service ; help me to do so as I ought.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy foster-father, St. Joseph, that I may obtain, through his intercession, the grace of living a holy life and dying a happy death. I offer it also for the intentions of all who are dedicating this month in honour of our great patron, and for the conversion of Wales and the Welsh missions, through their patron, St. David.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, who didst Thyself first honour St. Joseph by confiding

Thy Virgin Mother to his special care, do Thou, I beseech Thee, confide my poor soul also to his protection, now and at the hour of my death ; and do thou, O blessed Saint, for His sake who now abides within my soul, obtain for me those special graces I need, and accept the offering I make thee of this month dedicated to thy special service. And since the festival of St. David occurs on this day, intercede, I beseech thee, for all the priests and faithful in Wales, and for the conversion of heretics.

MARCH 7.—ST. THOMAS OF AQUIN.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Teacher of truth*. It is through Him that the Saints have obtained the light to know as well as the strength to do.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the great Doctor of the Church, whose festival is celebrated to-day, that, through his merits and intercession, abundant light may be given to all who are appointed by Thy providence to teach in the

Church, especially for all professors of theology in our colleges and schools.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, be Thou Thyself the great Doctor of my soul, and teach me all that Thou wouldest have me to know. Bless all those who are instructing others with special gifts of light, that they may be able to impart the truth in the way most profitable to those whom they teach.

MARCH 9.—ST. FRANCES OF ROME.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of the afflicted*. Let me learn from Him that suffering is the royal road to joy ; that trials are the special favour granted to the most saintly souls.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Frances, for all widows, for all who bear her name, and that I may obtain a perfect conformity to Thy Divine will in every trial, and fulfil the duties of my state of life more faithfully.

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AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou dost teach me, by the example of Thy Saints, how Thou mayest be glorified in every state and condition of life. Enable me, I beseech Thee, to imitate them more and more.

MARCH 17.—ST. PATRICK, APOSTLE OF IRELAND.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of faithfulness*. The glorious Apostle of Ireland prayed that his people might never lose their faith, and his prayer was accepted by God. They have wandered about persecuted, exiled, and losing all, but that which is All. How great must be the power of this Saint with God, whose prayer has obtained such unexampled fidelity to the faith!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the great Apostle of Ireland, that the nation which he converted may remain not only true to their Faith, but also faithful to all its commands. I offer it especially for all who are suffering

in any way for the Faith in that much-trying country.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, who lovest and crownest the faithful soul, oh, make this faithful people yet more faithful ! Hear, oh, hear, the prayers of Mary and of Patrick for them this day, and the prayers of those poor hidden, silent, suffering ones, whose tale of martyrdom will never be known on earth. Pardon the sins of those who honour their great Patron only in name, and give them grace to become all that he would desire.

MARCH 18.—ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lord of hosts*, and of His hosts I desire to honour to-day that blessed Spirit who first brought to earth the message of redeeming love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Gabriel, in thanksgiving for the marvellous grace of the Annunciation, and that I may obtain all the

privileges and blessings which it conferred on the human race.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my dearest Lord, how shall I thank Thee for Thy love? Each Communion is to me a fresh annunciation, wherein the Word made flesh comes to abide with me. Would that I could receive Thee as Mary received Thee—that I could love Thee as Mary loved Thee! At least, my sweet Jesus, I offer Thee her love in reparation for my coldness, her desires in reparation for my indifference. O blessed Angel Gabriel, obtain for me a burning love of my Incarnate God, and help me to adore Him aright.

MARCH 19.—ST. JOSEPH.

See page 171.

[What refers to St. David may be omitted.]

MARCH 21.—ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Crown of Confessors*. The Church rejoices in this great festival; the Angels in heaven sing the triumphs of the noble Patriarch of all religious; and the angels of earth, the holy children of this glorious Father, unite their voices with those of his blessed ones in heaven. May we also, who rejoice with them, obtain a share in his merits and help, through his intercession.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the great St. Benedict, for all the religious of his holy Order, and that I may obtain, through his merits and intercession, the grace of a happy death.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I offer Thee all the merits of this great Saint to atone for my deficiencies. I offer Thee all the prayers, tears, fasts, penances, and sanctity of his ancient Order, in reparation for my sins; and I beseech of Thee to grant me, through his intercession, the grace of final perseverance and of a holy death.

MARCH 25.—THE ANNUNCIATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Word made flesh*. How often I bend the knee, or bow the head, coldly, formally, and carelessly, when these stupendous words are uttered. Alas ! how seldom I hear them with reverent and adoring love ! But to-day, at least, I will meditate on this mystery, and to-day at least I will venerate my Incarnate God with a deeper love and a more heartfelt devotion.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy amazing love in becoming flesh. Would, O my God, that I could thank Thee worthily, even for an instant ! I offer it also in thanksgiving for the profound humility of Thy Virgin Mother, and for her love and sanctity, which drew Thee down from heaven to earth.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, yet once again Thou hast descended to this poor earth ; but now it is into the heart of the vilest of Thy creatures. O my sweet Lord, would that I could receive Thee even once with a love like hers for whose sake Thou

didst become Incarnate ! Mary, my mother and my hope, offer for me thy love and thy humility, and obtain for me those precious graces in all their fulness, especially when I approach the altar to receive my God.

INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

First Friday in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has died of love*. Ah, my dearest Lord, Thou hast died because Thou lovest us so much, and we here are alike indifferent to Thy love and to Thy sufferings. Oh, let it not be so any longer!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the suffering love of Thy adorable Heart in dying for my salvation. I offer it also for all who are now in their agony, and to obtain the grace of a happy death.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, who hast died for love of me, oh, may I live henceforth for love of Thee! Oh, unite me so to Thyself now, that death may not separate me from Thee hereafter.

First Saturday in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Son of Mary*. He loves His Immaculate Mother more than our hearts can conceive, and hence we may imagine what He suffered when He beheld her anguish in His expiring moments. Let us console Him by offering her our tenderest sympathy and love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the dolours of Mary at the foot of the cross, for all who are in affliction, and that I may obtain great courage and generosity in all my trials.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I offer Thee the steadfastness of Mary in reparation for all my sins of weakness in moments of trial and temptation. My Jesus, it was in Thy strength she “stood” in that hour of anguish beneath the cross. Do Thou so unite me to Thyself in this Communion, that I may never fail again in any trial or temptation.

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Monday in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Deliverer of the souls of the just*. But He expects me to assist Him in this work of mercy. Alas ! how indifferent and careless I am towards those whose sufferings I might so easily relieve !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory, and especially for all religious of the Order of St. Benedict.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, may I learn from Thee the deep and precious lesson of showing mercy to others ; above all, may I love to assist those who cannot assist themselves ! Sweet Jesus, so unite me now to Thyself, and accept my prayers for others, that Thou mayest be able to show me abundant mercy hereafter.

Tuesday in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *risen God*. His resurrection is the

pledge of mine. How fervently I should offer it to the Eternal Father, to obtain a glorious resurrection at the last great day!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy glorious resurrection, and to obtain the grace of a joyful resurrection through the merits of Thine.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast died that I might not fear to die, and Thou hast risen as a pledge of my resurrection. O sweet Lord, do Thou sow in my soul even now that seed and germ of eternal life which Thou hast specially promised in the Most Holy Sacrament. Do Thou so live in me now, that I may live eternally; that even death may not be able to separate me from my Life.

Wednesdays in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Resurrection of the just*. He will not leave His Saints in hell, nor suffer His

chosen ones to perish utterly. Each hair of their heads is known and numbered, and each resting-place where their bodies lie in peace is guarded by angelic watchers.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy love to the great Patriarch St. Joseph, and the special favours Thou didst bestow on him, when Thou didst rise triumphant over death and hell. I offer it also in thanksgiving for the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou art indeed the Resurrection of the just. Oh, raise me now, dear Lord, to such newness of life, that I may rise hereafter to eternal life !

Thursdays in April.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of peace*. Peace is His special resurrection gift. Oh, may I never deprive myself of it by any restlessness and disquietings about perishable things !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins of those who grieve Thy Heart by their restless anxiety about temporal goods, and that I may obtain in and by the Most Holy Sacrament the gift of an abiding peace.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thou art the Eternal Peace. Thou art with me—what else can I desire? Ah! dear Lord, may I never again lose the grace Thou hast imparted to me, by giving way to anxiety about the perishable things of time and sense.

Festivals in April.

APRIL 5.—ST. VINCENT FERRAR.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God mighty in His Saints*. Had I but the faith and love of those happy ones, what glorious miracles of grace He would work in my poor soul!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Vincent Ferrar, to

obtain, through his intercession, a great zeal for souls, and all the graces necessary for my salvation. I offer it also for all priests and religious of the Order of St. Dominic.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who workest so mightily in and by Thy Saints, have mercy upon my poor soul; and through their merits and intercession, grant me the graces I need for my salvation. O my sweet Jesus, make me a miracle of Thy mercy; and since I fail so miserably in the honour which I should give Thee by my life, oh, grant that I may at least compensate Thee in some manner, by honouring those who have honoured Thee.

APRIL 23.—ST. GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of victory*. In Him, and through Him alone, can we obtain the victory over our foes, whether in the order of nature or of grace. In Him the Saints have conquered, and through Him they help us to obtain the victory.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I de-

sire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. George, the great and glorious Patron of England, that through his blessed intercession this country may be converted to the True Faith, and that all those whom God is calling out of heresy may have the courage to obey that call, whatever it may cost.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee help all those unhappy souls who are blinded by the seductions of error, and wandering in the paths of heresy and schism. Enlighten them, O dearest Lord, and with Thy blessed light give them courage, even such courage as the Martyrs had, who forsook all things for Thy love.

APRIL 2.—ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGA.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Crown of the faithful*. He has said: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Oh, how gloriously was this great Saint and Martyr crowned, whose memory the Church honours

to-day : faithful in life, he was also faithful even unto death.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy Martyr Saint, to obtain the grace of perseverance even unto death, of great fidelity in little things, and for all religious of the Order of St. Francis.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Dear Lord, Thou art Thyself the strength of Thy faithful ones, and their crown. Oh, be my strength, and unite me so to Thyself, that I may conquer in Thee and by Thee, that I may increase daily in fidelity and devotedness.

APRIL 25.—ST. MARK.

As on the Feast of St. Mathias, page 163.

INTENTIONS FOR MAY.



May first.

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, ALSO MONTH OF
DEVOTION TO OUR LADY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Son of Mary*. This faithful Son will refuse nothing to His Mother; and this loving Mother will refuse nothing to her children. What may we not hope during this month, in which we desire to honour Mary by our confidence, in which Jesus will honour her, and reward us by granting all her petitions!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy Immaculate Mother, that she may obtain for me all the graces I need for my salvation, all the help I need for my sanctification, and for all those who are devoting this month to her honour.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who hast Thyself taught us, both by precept

and example, how we should honour our parents ; grant me, I beseech Thee, the grace of a most ardent and tender devotion to her whom Thou hast given to Thy children as their Mother ; and do Thou, O my dear Lord, Thyself condescend to her requests, and, as a faithful Son, grant all her petitions.

First Friday in May.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God betrayed by His friends*. How shall I console Him, not merely for the betrayal of a disciple, but for the contempts and injuries which he is offered every day by those who profess to love Him, and yet make their boast of dishonouring His Mother ? Alas ! sweet Jesus, if an open enemy did this it were better.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the insults and outrages offered to Thee by those who profess to love Thee, and yet dare to despise Thy Blessed Mother. I offer it also for the conversion of heretics to the True Faith, through

the merits and intercession of her whom they revile.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, my dearest Lord, would that I could console Thee even for one of the least of those outrages offered to Thy Immaculate Mother! O sweet Jesus, teach me Thyself how to love her, that I may honour her for those who would fain see her dishonoured, and repair in some little measure the injury done to Thy Divine Heart.

First Saturday in May.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son desiring that His Mother should be praised*. A son who truly loves his mother is never more happy than when he hears her virtue and her dignity proclaimed. He listens with joy to her praises. He is honoured by the honour she receives.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the privileges Thou hast bestowed on Thy Blessed

Mother, and for the increase of her joy and beatitude.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Lord, help me Thyself to proclaim the glories of Mary. Help me to live so that my life may honour her. O sweet Jesus, may she obtain new triumphs for me every day, and for all the faithful, over sin and self, that thus her praises may resound in heaven and on earth.

Mondays in May.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son who desires to confer favours on His Mother*. We may well believe that the favours which Mary most frequently asks of her Divine Son, are the conversion of sinners and the release of the souls in Purgatory. Let us assist our Blessed Mother in the work so dear to her loving heart.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory, especially for those whom our Blessed Lady most wishes to release.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee, by Thy Heart of Love, to have pity on these suffering souls ; and yet I know, even while I ask, that Thou desirest to relieve and help them, far, oh, far more, than I can possibly do. But Thou wilt that we should pray. O sweet Lord Jesus, for the love of Mary, release many souls to-day ; and so unite me to Thyself in this Sacrament of Love, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter.

Tuesdays in May.

Preparation as on Monday.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the conversion of sinners, and especially for all those for whom our Blessed Lady desires I should pray.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, my soul's only Love, that hast given Thy life, Thy Blood, for sinners : alas ! that they will not come to Thee ! Oh, may I never grieve Thee by obstinacy or impenitence ! Have mercy, O dearest Lord, on all poor sinners, and especially on those for whom Thy Blessed Mother pleads.

Wednesdays in May.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son appointing a guardian for His Mother*. He appointed St. Joseph as her guardian, until He Himself took that office ; and when He died, He confided her to St. John. But our dear Lord appoints guardians for her now also, or rather He permits some holy and devoted souls to protect her honour, as it were, by their devotion, and to solace her heart by their love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain, through the intercession of St. Joseph, the grace of being a special guardian of the honour of Mary by my devotedness, and of her heart by my love.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, Thou didst Thyself confide Thy Mother to us in the person of St. John, even as Thou didst confide us to her also in him. Oh, may I from henceforth be both her guardian and her child: her guardian, by my fidelity in shielding her name from dishonour ; her child, by my de-

voted love. O sweet Jesus, by Thy sacramental union with my soul, enable me to fulfil these blessed offices.

Thursdays in May.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God once enclosed in the Virgin's womb*. Mary was the first tabernacle wherein Jesus lay. The angels adored the Incarnate God in her womb, even as they now adore Him on our altars. Let us never forget, when we honour Mary, to honour her as the first tabernacle wherein Jesus lay.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of that most blessed moment in which Thou didst descend into Mary's womb, and to obtain, through her intercession, the grace of great fervour and devotion when I receive Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament, and especially when I receive Thee for the last time.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, how often I have received Thee in this Most

Holy Sacrament, as really as Mary received Thee at the moment of the Incarnation. I marvel at Thy condescension in coming into her pure and loving bosom ; and yet, alas ! I never think of Thy surpassing humility in coming into my sinful soul. O my sweet Jesus, for her love and for her sake, to whom Thou canst refuse nothing, give me a deeper reverence, and a more tender love, each time that Thou comest beneath my most unworthy roof.

Festivals in May.

MAY 3.—THE FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of souls who bear His Cross*. O my sweet Lord, when I see *Thee* bowed down to the earth with Thy heavy burden, how can I complain of mine ? Rather will I count it my dearest treasure, and thank Thee for it as Thy choicest gift.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to Thee in thanksgiving for the crosses

Thou hast sent me, and especially for those which seemed the hardest to bear. I offer it also in reparation for all my sins of unsubmitiveness and complaining, and to obtain great fervour and generosity in Thy Divine service.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me to love the Cross, and to love it even in proportion to its oppressiveness. May I begin to know its value, and the favour Thou conferest on me when Thou dost call me to bear it. Grant me, sweet Jesus, such strength, by Thy sacramental presence in my soul, that I may never again give way to murmuring, or even to the least impatience, whatever trials Thy love may send.

MAY 5.—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God crowning us here with thorns, that He may crown us eternally with glory.* To those whom He loves most He gives that which is most precious—sufferings here and endless joy hereafter. O sweet Jesus,

may I ever stretch out my hands, like the blessed Catherine, for the crown of thorns, and wait in calm love for the crown of joy!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great love of suffering, so that I may even desire it and seek for it. I offer it also for all the religious of the Third Order of St. Dominic, that they may ever increase in fervour and generosity in Thy Divine service.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, unite me so to Thyself, that I may desire suffering as my choicest reward on earth. O my King, may I never seek for any crown but the thorny one of self-sacrifice, and may every action of my life be crowned with suffering love. At least, sweet Jesus, if I may not merit such favours, may I share as far as I am able in Thy griefs, and make self-sacrifice the ruling motive of every action.

MAY 6.—ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me as the *Lover of the loving*. Jesus desires our

love above all things ; and when we give Him what He desires, He repays us a thousand-fold. Let us not marvel if He repays us by suffering, for He knows, what as yet we can but dimly discern, that suffering is the most precious gift He can confer upon us.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy beloved disciple, that I may obtain, through his intercession, the grace of burning love, and of great generosity in accepting whatever sufferings Thou mayest be pleased to send me. I offer it also for all religious who bear the name of this great Saint, and for all his clients.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Lover of the loving, unite me so to Thyself, my one true Love, that I may henceforth have no other life but Thine, and no other love but Thee.

MAY 8.—APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL,
ARCHANGEL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of Angels*. Let us thank Him to-day for having made them mighty in

strength, and for having vouchsafed to us their glorious guardianship.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the great Archangel St. Michael, that I may be defended by his powerful assistance at the last moment of my life, and in the dreadful day of judgment. I offer it also for all religious who bear his name, and for all his clients.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, I thank Thee for Thy love in granting this mighty and glorious protector to the faithful. May he intercede for me this day, and offer this sacrifice for me before the Eternal Throne ! O sweet Jesus, give me a great love, reverence, and devotion to Thy holy Angels.

MAY 24.—OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who gives me His Mother for my defender*. The Church bids us pray to Thee, O Lord, to-day, “that, by the help of Thy most holy Mother, we may be freed

from all evil and danger, and be preserved in every good work." O sweet Jesus, how shall we thank Thee for the treasure of Mary's patronage?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that Thy Blessed Mother may defend and protect the Holy Catholic Church, and especially Thy Vicar, from all the snares and machinations of his enemies.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou knowest how weak I am : oh ! help my infirmity by Thy strength, and strengthen my weakness by Thy power. Give me Thy Blessed Mother for my defence in every danger, and I shall fear no evil ; and may she, in this month specially dedicated to her service, help and protect Thy Church, and our Holy Father the Pope.

MAY 26.—ST. AUGUSTINE, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Sender of the Apostles*. He who once sent the great Augustine to teach

us the Faith, can even now recall those who have wandered from the fold by the teaching of his successors.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the conversion of England, and especially for —.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, if Thou wilt but speak the word, oh, what mighty things could be accomplished ! Ah ! dearest Lord, it may be that the imperfect lives of the faithful, is a greater hindrance to the conversion of the unbelieving than we are inclined to think. O sweet Jesus, convert us, the children of Thy Church, wholly to Thyself, and then give us grace to win others by our prayers and works.

MAY 27.—ST. PHILIP NERI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of generous souls*. O my sweet Jesus, teach me to be generous in loving Thee, like this great Saint, that I also may run in the way of Thy commandments, when Thou hast enlarged my heart.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain great generosity in Thy service, and also for all the Fathers of the Oratory.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of generous souls, make me truly generous in Thy blessed service; and may I fly henceforth on wings of love to obey Thy will in all things.

MAY 31.—LAST DAY OF THE MONTH OF MARY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *generous God*. How many gifts has He not given this month, through the intercession of Mary, and how few even think of thanking Him for His kindness! May I never be one of the ungrateful!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in most fervent thanksgiving for all the favours and graces Thou hast bestowed on Thy Church during the past month, through the intercession of Thy Immaculate Mother.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, how shall I thank Thee for Thy love to one so unworthy ! How many favours I have received from Thee this month ! How many Communion, how many Benedictions, ah, dearest Lord, and how many hidden graces, which I shall only know hereafter ! Oh, unite me so to Thyself now, sweet Jesus, that my thanksgiving may be Thine, and thank Thyself, my Beloved, for all Thy love has done !

INTENTIONS FOR JUNE.

MONTH OF DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART.

June First and First Friday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Heart burning with love and overwhelmed with sorrow*. O Heart of my Beloved, how shall I love Thee! Heart of my only Love, how shall I console Thee! I desire to dedicate this month to Thy adorable Heart. Oh, may my heart increase in love and devotion to Thee every hour!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—Heart of my Beloved, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the coldness and indifference of Thy creatures, and to obtain a burning love to Thy adorable Heart, which will increase every moment of my life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Heart of my Beloved, Thou hast fed me on Thyself. Oh, unite me so closely to Thee, that I may have no other life but Thine. May I breathe only for Thee, think only for Thee, speak only for

Thee, act only for Thee. O my sweet Jesus, kindle the flames of love in all cold hearts throughout the world, and increase the fervour of the most fervent.

Saturdays in June.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Heart asking to be loved*. O dear Lord, there was but one creature who ever responded faithfully to Thy desire of being loved : for her sweet sake, grant me grace to love Thee as Thou wouldst be loved.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and that I may obtain the grace of a most ardent love of Thy adorable Heart through her intercession.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, hast Thou indeed asked me to love Thee, and have I dared to refuse Thy request ? Alas ! I know but too well that I have lavished the affection on creatures, and on myself, which should be

given to Thee alone. But now, sweet Jesus, now in this month of love, oh, teach me to love.

Mondays in June.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God full of love for suffering souls*. Oh, can I even imagine that the love with which my Beloved desires to see His children released from pain, to have them with Him in His glory?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory most devoted to Thy adorable Heart, that Thou mayest take them to the eternal embrace of Thy love, and for the souls of religious of the Order of St. Francis.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I offer Thee the love of Thy Heart for those poor suffering souls; and I beseech Thee so unite me to Thyself here, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter.

Tuesdays in June.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God asking for my love*. O my dearest Lord, grant me such grace that Thou mayest never ask in vain.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may obtain grace to love Thee as Thou desirest to be loved; that I may sacrifice whatever prevents me from loving Thee perfectly.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Beloved, love me into all love; and since Thou who art Love abidest with me, unite me so to Thyself, that I may be not only willing, but even most ardently desirous to sacrifice all that displeases Thee.

Wednesdays in June.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God grieved by the ingratitude of men*. O dear Lord, there was one faithful

heart amongst men who loved Thee purely and disinterestedly. May I follow the blessed example of the great St. Joseph!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the ingratitude of Thy creatures, and that the flames of Divine love may be kindled in every heart.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire to console Thy adorable Heart for the coldness and ingratitude of others; and yet, alas! I have been the most ungrateful and unloving of Thy creatures. Oh, warm this miserable heart, sweet Jesus, and melt it by the presence of Thy love, so that I may never be able to grieve Thee again.

Thursdays in June.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Heart consumed with love*. Having loved His own He loved them to the end. He loved them boundlessly, and He gave them His very Heart to be their Food and Life.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain a great increase of devotion to the Most Holy Sacrament throughout the whole world, and especially for priests and religious.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Heart of my Love, who hast given me Thyself as my Food, make me now so to feed on Thee, that I may become one with Thee; and that becoming one with Thee I may love Thee as Thou lovest Thyself, and with a pure and undivided affection.

Festivals in June.

JUNE 3.—ST. MAGDALEN DE PAZZI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of virgin souls*. Ah! sweet Jesus, Virgin Son of the Virgin Mother, may I learn to love purity, that I may become perfect in love!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and

Communion in thanksgiving for the sanctity of the religious of the Order of Mount Carmel.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, teach me to love since Thou art Love ; and may the merits and intercession of Thy Saints atone for my coldness.

JUNE 11.—ST. BARNABAS.

See page 163.

JUNE 13.—ST. ANTONY OF PADUA.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of childlike souls*. Ah ! had we but the simplicity of the Saints, how many favours we should obtain !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of this dear Saint, to obtain a childlike love of Thee, for all religious of the Order of St. Francis, and for all the clients of this Saint.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, who lovest to manifest Thyself to Thy Saints as a little

Child, since I am not worthy of such favours, oh, grant me the favour of a childlike love of Thee, and a childlike confidence in Thy love.

JUNE 19.—ST. JULIANI FALCONIERI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of His loving ones*. O dear Saint, get us a love like thine for Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the fervour and devotion of this great Saint, and to obtain, through her intercession, a most ardent love of the Most Holy Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, why am I so cold? Why did Thy Saints love Thee with such burning devotion, while I have scarcely one spark of that heavenly flame? Ah! my Jesus, they nourished their spiritual life and fed their love on the same heavenly Bread which I have received to-day. Oh, make it also the life of my poor soul.

JUNE 21.—ST. ALOYSIUS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of those who seek Him early*. Oh, let us implore our dearest Lord to enable us to seek Him early ; or if our early youth is passed, that we may atone by increased fervour for our past coldness.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the sanctity of the angelic Aloysius, that I may obtain, through his intercession, the grace of great fervour in Thy Divine service, and for all novices of the Society of Jesus.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, if I have not been so happy as to devote my young days to Thee with fervour, may I at least begin now to dedicate every moment of my time to Thy blessed service ! Oh, do Thou so unite me to Thyself, that it may be impossible for me to live except for Thee.

JUNE 24.—ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of those who prepare His way*. None can ever prepare the way of the Lamb of God as the great Precursor ; but we may all in our measure imitate his example, by assisting others in the path of virtue.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy great Precursor, that I may obtain a true spirit of penance, and for all the priests of this diocese.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me how to prepare Thy way in the hearts of others by example and by holy words ; and bless, I beseech Thee, most abundantly, the labours, and sanctify the lives of the priests of this diocese.

JUNE 29.—SS. PETER AND PAUL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires that His princes should be honoured*. Consider what respect

the courtiers of a king pay to the favourites of their master, and learn with what reverence we should approach those princes of the heavenly court.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the holy Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, that through their protection the Church may be defended and strengthened against all her enemies.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee unite me so to Thyself, that I may love what Thou lovest. O my dearest Lord, for Thy dear sake, may Thy friends also love me, so that I may be continually assisted by their powerful protection.

INTENTIONS FOR JULY.

July First and First Friday.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has poured forth His Heart's Blood for my salvation*. What greater love, O my Jesus, couldst Thou have manifested to me! what greater favour couldst Thou have granted me! what more tender kindness couldst Thou have shown me! Alas! that I should have repaid Thee with such vile ingratitude!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love in pouring forth all Thy Blood for my salvation, and that I may obtain all that Thy love desired to purchase for me.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou hast given Thy Blood for me, and now, behold, Thou hast given it to me. Ah!

Thou art, indeed, the mystic Pelican, feeding Thy children with the very life Blood from Thy Heart. O Jesus, my only Love, may the Blood Thou hast shed for me be my salvation, and may the Blood with which Thou hast fed me be my sanctification and the support of my spiritual life !

Saturdays in July.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who poured forth His Heart's Blood for love of His Blessed Mother*. Yes ; Mary is the first fruit of the most Precious Blood, and Mary alone has worthily received the price of our salvation. O Mother of Jesus, in whose pure womb that Blood once flowed, obtain for me all the graces which Jesus desires to impart to me thereby.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces and privileges which Thou didst purchase for Thy faultless Mother by Thy most Precious Blood. May I obtain, through her

intercession, all that Thou desirest to give me thereby.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Bridegroom of my soul, only Hope of my poor heart, oh, touch and purify all my senses with Thy Blood, which I have just received. Touch my hearing, that it may be purified from the sins to which it has listened ; my seeing, that it may be purified from the evil it has seen or done ; my thinking, that it may be cleansed from every evil and imperfect thought ; my speaking, that it may be purified from all sinful words, and utter no words save only for Thee. O my dear Lord, bathe my very life and being in Thy life Blood this day, that I may appear before Thee without spot or stain.

Monday in July.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God pouring forth His Heart's Blood for suffering souls*. Ah ! how He loves these poor souls. He has bought them, and His purchase is secured ; now only one thing

remains, and we can help Jesus to accomplish this one desire of His Heart. Oh, how happy we are, how privileged we are, to be able to do the least thing for Jesus !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory, and especially for those souls most devoted to the Precious Blood. I offer it also that I may be so purified and purged here by Thy most Precious Blood, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, Thou lovest these poor souls, these souls who love Thee so much. Oh ! have mercy upon them now, and bring them quickly to Thee, where, for all eternity, they may sing the song of the redeemed.

Tuesdays in July.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God pouring forth His Heart's Blood to make me a saint*. O sweet Jesus, where will Thy love end ? Thou art

us the Faith, can even now recall those who have wandered from the fold by the teaching of his successors.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the conversion of England, and especially for ———.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, if Thou wilt but speak the word, oh, what mighty things could be accomplished ! Ah ! dearest Lord, it may be that the imperfect lives of the faithful, is a greater hindrance to the conversion of the unbelieving than we are inclined to think. O sweet Jesus, convert us, the children of Thy Church, wholly to Thyself, and then give us grace to win others by our prayers and works.

MAY 27.—ST. PHILIP NERI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of generous souls*. O my sweet Jesus, teach me to be generous in loving Thee, like this great Saint, that I also may run in the way of Thy commandments, when Thou hast enlarged my heart.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain great generosity in Thy service, and also for all the Fathers of the Oratory.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of generous souls, make me truly generous in Thy blessed service; and may I fly henceforth on wings of love to obey Thy will in all things.

MAY 31.—LAST DAY OF THE MONTH OF MARY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *generous God*. How many gifts has He not given this month, through the intercession of Mary, and how few even think of thanking Him for His kindness! May I never be one of the ungrateful!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in most fervent thanksgiving for all the favours and graces Thou hast bestowed on Thy Church during the past month, through the intercession of Thy Immaculate Mother.

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not content with saving me, but Thou wilt also make me a saint, if I will only permit Thee. Oh ! by Thy Blood, may I never, never oppose Thy designs of mercy.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain, through the infinite merit of Thy most Precious Blood, the grace I need most to become a saint.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, Thou hast fed me with Thy Precious Blood. Oh ! do Thou enrich thereby that special virtue which Thou desirest most to see in my soul ; and do Thou pardon the evil which I have done contrary to it. O sweet Jesus, may I so live in Thee, as day by day to become more and more one with Thee !

Wednesdays in July.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God pouring forth His Heart's Blood to glorify His Saints*. The Saints are the Blood-bought jewels of the Lamb. They are the diamonds flashing in His crown of light, purified by Blood. They are the red,

red rubies bathed in His Blood, whose beauty is enhanced by their martyrdom and suffering. And of these jewels, the choicest and the rarest is the foster-father of Jesus, the diamond of spotless purity, the ruby of patient suffering.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love in sanctifying Thy Saints by Thy most Precious Blood, and especially for the sanctity of Thy foster-father, St. Joseph.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, through the merits and intercession of all Thy Saints, but above all of St. Joseph, and of the Founder of the Congregation of the most Precious Blood, grant that its full fruit may be poured forth upon my soul, both for my salvation and for my sanctification.

Thursdays in July.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God pouring forth His Heart's Blood to feed me therewith* ; and I, O Lord, in my misery and folly, have all but despised

Thy gift, and even now scarcely receive it with more than a cold thanksgiving.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy surpassing love in feeding me with Thy very Blood, and in reparation for the sins of those who profane that Blood by cold and irreverent Communions.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Thou hast fed me with Thy Blood. Oh ! do Thou so unite it to my very being, that I may breathe and live thereby for Thee only, in Thee only, and only as Thou wouldst have me.

Festivals in July.

FIRST SUNDAY IN JULY.—FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.

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JULY 2.—FEAST OF THE VISITATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who works miracles for His Mother*. With what confidence should I not

ask for all I need to-day, since Mary will be my advocate with Jesus. Behold how she hastens to perform a work of mercy. May I learn to imitate her blessed example !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Mary's love of souls, that she may visit my heart with Thee to-day, and obtain for me the graces of charity and humility.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me to love Thee, and to thank Thee for Thy love. Truly, Mary has brought Thee to me to-day ; for hadst Thou not once been Incarnate in her, I could not now feed upon Thy Flesh to-day. O Mother, teach me how to love thy Son ! O Son of Mary, teach me how to love Thy Mother !

JULY 14.—ST. BONAVENTURE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Teacher of love*. From His adorable Heart the Saints have learned all they have known. In His adorable Heart the Saints have found all their love. O my

sweet Jesus, teach me to know Thee and to love Thee.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Seraphic Doctor, for all superiors of the Franciscan Order, and that I may obtain the grace of a burning love to Thy adorable Heart.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, my only Love, Thou art the Source and the Cause of love. Kindle in our hearts this blessed flame, and may we daily love Thee more and more.

JULY 16.—OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Joy of Carmel*. O my Jesus, O Beauty of Carmel, who, through Thy Virgin Mother, hast made the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose, fill my heart and the hearts of all her children with celestial joy on this most glorious festival.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Our Lady of Mount

Carmel, in thanksgiving for all the Saints of the Order of the Carmelites, and for each member of that most venerable Order.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Joy, my heart is full of gladness. How shall I thank Thee for the sanctity of this noble Order, for all that Thou hast done for it through the merits and intercession of Thy Blessed Mother? Oh, make the wilderness of my poor heart to blossom also as the rose, and to bring forth the fragrant flowers and fruit of virtue!

JULY 19.—ST. VINCENT OF PAUL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Charity of the elect*. His Heart is the deep fountain from whence they draw their love; His Blood is the source by which they fertilize their charity. May I not also obtain charity thereby, and become fruitful therein?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the Society of St. Vincent of Paul, that their labours may be daily more

and more blessed by Thee, and that their own sanctification may be daily increased.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Charity of the elect, teach me charity ; and may I learn to practise it not merely in word but in deed and in truth.

JULY 20.—ST. JEROME EMILIAN.

As above, except Offering of Intention, for which substitute—

I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the happy death of St. Joseph, for the Sisters of Mercy, for an especial blessing on their ministrations to the sick and dying, and that I may obtain the grace of a happy death.

JULY 22.—ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of penitent souls*. Who shall tell the tenderness of the love of Jesus to the truly penitent soul? Oh ! let us not despise the outcast and the fallen, lest, per-

chance, we find them some day nearer to the Heart of Love than those who have not strayed so far from it.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a most fervent love to Thee, and for all religious of the Order of the Good Shepherd.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Lover of the penitent, make me a true penitent, and then let me claim Thy love ; and yet, O Jesus, Thou art the Lover of the impenitent, or how could they ever become penitent? It is a touch of Thy love which loves them before they love Thee, that brings them to Thy Feet. Oh ! by the love of Thy sweet and faithful lover Magdalen, touch many and many a poor impenitent soul to-day, and bring them to Thyself.

JULY 24.—ST. ALEXIUS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of souls who renounce all for Him*. There are souls from whom God takes all, that He may be their All.

There are souls who renounce all because they have no other all but God.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the graces vouchsafed to those blessed souls who have renounced all for Thee, and to obtain grace for those whose all Thou hast taken, that they may generously correspond with Thy designs.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, be Thou my All. Henceforth, whether I am freed from earthly ties or surrounded by them, may I cling to Thee alone with all the deepest affection of my heart! O my sweet Love, at all times, in all places, under all circumstances, mayest Thou be my God and my All.

JULY 25.—ST. JAMES, APOSTLE.

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JULY 26.—ST. ANN, MOTHER OF THE B.V.M.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of filial piety*. He who has honoured His Mother, teaches us also to

honour our parents, both by word and example ; and by His Church to-day honouring the mother of Mary, He shows us how the memory of the just shall be held in eternal benediction.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the favours and graces Thou didst bestow upon St. Ann, praying that Thou wilt be pleased to bless my parents with every grace, and to enable me to render them all the honour and respect which is their due.

AFTER COMMUNION. — My Jesus, who loves those who honour their parents, I beseech Thee that Thy special blessings and choicest graces may be poured forth upon those dear parents to whom I owe so much ; and I pray Thee also, O sweet Jesus, to give grace and light to all who have children to educate, that they may educate them for heaven.

JULY 31.—ST. IGNATIUS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of zealous souls*. Oh,

what great things for God has been done by the zeal of one man ! How many thousands of souls will bless the name of Ignatius of Loyola to all eternity !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces which Thou didst bestow on the great St. Ignatius, for his faithful correspondence with Thy designs, and for all his children, that every one who bears his name may daily increase in personal sanctity and devotedness to Thy service.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of zealous souls, through the merits and intercession of this most holy Saint, fill my soul with a burning zeal for my own perfection, and then for the perfection of other souls. Enlighten me, O my Jesus, to know the surest, safest, quickest way to attain that perfection, and thus to assist others more effectually in the heavenward road.

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST.

First Friday in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God asking me to console His sorrows*. Jesus asks for love from His creatures, and they refuse to give it to Him. He asks to be consoled by them, and they only increase His sufferings. What shall we do, O Heart of Jesus crucified, to get love for Thee, to induce our cold hearts to treat Thee less unkindly?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation to Thy adorable Heart for the sins of those who refuse to love Thee. O my dearest Lord, may I never hesitate, even for one instant, between my self-love and love of Thee !

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, the one, the only true test of love, is the keeping of Thy commandments. If I love Thee, I will prefer pleasing Thee to pleasing myself ;

but, alas ! O sweet Jesus, hitherto I have preferred pleasing myself, and therefore I cannot but know that I have loved myself more than Thee. Ah ! sweet Jesus, help me now to begin really, courageously, and perseveringly, the blessed work of loving Thee instead of myself.

Saturdays in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to *give me the Immaculate Heart of Mary as my succour in every necessity.* The Heart of Mary is the only one which was ever given to Jesus without reserve ; and Jesus, in His surpassing love to those who scarcely thank Him even for the greatest favours, Jesus gives this Heart, His dearest treasure, to be pierced, and wounded, and grieved, all, all for His ungrateful children. Ah, Jesus ! ah, Mary ! will nothing ever teach us to love ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to obtain through it the grace of a burning love to the all-holy Heart of Jesus.

I offer it also for all the members of the Confraternity of the Heart of Mary, and for all their intentions.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me Thyself to prize the treasure Thou hast given me, for Thou alone knowest the value and excellence of this Heart. Oh, make me less unworthy of the favour Thou hast conferred on me, in giving me Mary for my Mother.

Mondays in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Son who loves the souls devoted to His Mother*. Let me ask Him to-day to release many of those poor sufferers for her dear sake.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory most devoted to Mary, especially for all those who during their lifetime have been “Children of Mary.”

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, I beseech Thee, for the love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, look in mercy upon these poor suf-

fering souls, and bring forth hundreds to sing the triumphs of our Queen on the great feast of her Assumption.

Tuesdays in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of the Heart of Mary*. Who shall tell us how dear the Heart of Mary is to the Heart of Jesus? He can refuse nothing to her Heart.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that our Blessed Lady may offer her Immaculate Heart to obtain the grace which I need most for my sanctification.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I have asked a great thing of Thee; I have asked for the special graces which I need, that I may become a saint. But I have asked it through her to whom Thou canst not refuse anything, to whom Thou mayest well give the “half of Thy kingdom,” since she gave Thee Thy human life. O Jesus, the greatness of my necessities makes me bold. Thou

will not refuse her ; Thou canst not refuse her. O sweet Lord, now, even now, bestow this priceless gift on me, and with it an ever-deepening love to her who has obtained it.

Wednesdays in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to show me the *heart of Joseph as a model of holiness*. If we obtain all graces through Mary, we may see all graces in the heart of Joseph, as a pure and beautiful mirror. No human being was ever so devoted to the Heart of Mary. Let us ask him to obtain for us a share in his devotion.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My sweet Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for all priests, that they may obtain grace to imitate St. Joseph perfectly, and that he may obtain for them great purity of heart and life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, Lover of the chaste and pure St. Joseph, I implore his patronage and protection for all Thy priests, and that he may obtain for them a

most ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thursdays in August.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God asking to rest in my heart*. He is grieved, wearied, by the sins of His creatures, and He asks for rest. Perhaps I am very ready to offer it to Him; but when He lies down in my heart, am I so equally ready to renounce everything that might disturb His repose? Alas! He has only lain down there for one moment, ere I awake Him rudely by some miserable imperfection. Alas! when He asks to enter I often refuse Him admittance, because I prefer the company of some evil inclination.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the griefs I have caused Thee by my sins after Holy Communion—by my sins before Holy Communion. Oh, may I never again refuse Thee admittance, or disturb Thy mystic repose in my soul!

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Jesus, O my Lord, and dost Thou indeed condescend to repose in this vile heart of mine ; and have I dared to refuse Thee this poor solace in Thy woes ? O my sweet Jesus, may I never refuse Thee again ! I offer Thee the love of Thy Blessed Mother, the love of all Thy Saints, and the devotion with which they have received Thee in this Most Holy Sacrament, in reparation for my coldness and neglect.

Festivals in August.

AUGUST 1.—ST. PETER'S CHAINS.

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AUGUST 2.—ST. ALPHONSUS, AND THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ANGELS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who can refuse nothing to His Saints*. To the blessed Francis He gives a plenary indulgence for His people ; to the holy Alphonsus He gives a burning love of Mary and a congregation of saintly souls. Ah ! may those dear Saints plead for me with God, and obtain all I need for my salvation and sanctification !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion [to obtain the great indulgence which Thou didst promise to the Blessed Francis, and] that, through the merits and prayers of St. Alphonsus, I may obtain the grace of a most ardent devotion to Thy Immaculate Mother. I offer it also for his Congregation, and for all who bear his name in religion.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, Lover of Thy Saints, for love of these dear Saints, who reign so near Thy Heart in heaven, oh! grant me the pardon of all my sins, and the grace of an ever-increasing devotion to Thy Blessed Mother.

AUGUST 4.—ST. DOMINIC.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Crown of Confessors*. The star of light which shone on the brow of the Blessed Dominic, was but a faint emblem of the crown of eternal light with which His Master has already circled his brow. O Father, pray for us, thy poor children,

that we may also shine here by the light of sanctity, and hereafter in the light of glory.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of Thy blessed Confessor St. Dominic, for all his faithful children, that they may shine here with the light of sanctity, and hereafter with crowns of surpassing glory.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, my only Love, oh, be my crown hereafter ! May I never seek or desire any praise but Thine, any love but Thine, any honour but Thine ! May my end in every action be "God alone," My reward, "God alone." Thou art within me; oh, sanctify me wholly, body, soul, and spirit, so that I may be Thine own, and Thine only.

AUGUST 5.—OUR LADY OF NIVES.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of Mary*. O Jesus, O my Love, Thou hast a love who never grieved Thee ; Thou hast a love who never repaid Thy love with ingratitude.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a burning love to Thee, which no trial or change may ever alter or efface.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, by her love who alone loved Thee perfectly, make me love Thee perfectly; and may each sorrow of life only serve to bind me closer to Thy Heart.

AUGUST 6.—TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of majesty*. Once only in His mortal life does He manifest Himself in His glory—once only that we may know the depth of His humility, and once that we may anticipate His glory.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may so humble myself in this life, as to merit eternal glory in the life to come.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Jesus, my transfigured Jesus, for my love and for my instruction Thou hast permitted Thy Church to celebrate this mystery. May I learn now

the depth of Thy humility, that I may see hereafter the height of Thy glory !

AUGUST 10.—ST. LAURENCE.

See page 149.

AUGUST 12.—FEAST OF ST. CLARE, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of those who leave all for Him*. He cannot fail to return a hundred-fold even for our least offering. Oh, how fervent and generous we should be in the service of so generous a Master !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces Thou didst bestow on St. Clare, for all the religious of her Order, and to obtain for myself a most ardent devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of those who leave all for Thee, help me to leave all as far as Thou hast called me to do so ; above all, oh ! help me to leave myself, so that there may be no longer any self, but that all may be Jesus.

AUGUST 15.—THE ASSUMPTION, B.V.M.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who honours His Mother before men and angels*. Let me learn to-day from the Church how Mary should be honoured. Her Assumption is celebrated as one of our highest festivals, that we may know what great things God has done for Mary. Let us approach her throne of glory with confidence, remembering who has placed her thereon. Let us imitate her example with fidelity, remembering the virtues for which she has been crowned.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the Assumption of our Queen, praying that she may exercise her royal prerogatives on our behalf, and obtain for us all we need for our salvation.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me Thyself the great lesson of to-day's festival, that our exaltation hereafter may be proportioned to our humiliation here. O sweet Jesus, Thou alone canst enable me to practise that humility which will enable

Thee to exalt me in eternity. For her sake whose humility was deeper than that of any other creature, whose exaltation is so surpassingly greater, oh! grant me the precious grace of a true and profound humility.

AUGUST 20.—ST. BERNARD.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of those who love His Name*. Oh! how singularly was the Holy Name of Jesus loved by this great Saint, not with a mere love of passing tenderness or sentiment, but with the deep love of a heart to whom that Name was precious, because God was the one end and object of his life.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Bernard, for all the religious of his Order, and to obtain the grace of a saving devotion to the Holy Name.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, be to me a Jesus; and may Thy dear Name be the last word I shall utter on earth, and the first word I shall utter in heaven.

AUGUST 21.—ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of souls who give themselves to Him generously*. Let me learn from this great Saint how to sanctify myself in whatever state of life I am placed.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces Thou didst bestow on this blessed Saint, for all the religious of her holy Order, and for all her clients.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who callest souls to Thee in so many and such wonderful ways, grant me the grace to correspond faithfully to all Thy merciful designs, and help those specially whom Thou art calling to greater nearness to Thyself by domestic trials.

AUGUST 24.—ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

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AUGUST 28.—ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of penitent souls*. Let me learn from this glorious prince of the Church, how dear to the Heart of Jesus are those who turn to Him even after years of sinful excess.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces which Thou didst bestow upon St. Augustine, for all religious who observe his rule ; for the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland ; praying that, through his merits and intercession, I may turn to Thee with my whole heart, and atone, by the fervour of the rest of my life, for the sins of my early days.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Jesus, Lover of penitent souls, grant me the grace of true repentance for all my sins, and of true penance to expiate them.

INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

First Friday in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God crowned with thorns*. O sweet Jesus, who has thus wounded Thee and insulted Thee? But Thou hast told us Thyself. It is Thy friends; it is those who should have treated Thee with the tenderest love.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the sins which caused Thee to bear this cruel suffering, and especially in reparation for sins of pride.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O Jesus, my humble Jesus, teach me the grace of humility; and by the sharp piercing of Thy thorny crown, pardon all my sins of pride.

Saturdays in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Son of Mary*. As a Son He desires that His Mother should be honoured by all, but especially by those whom He has called to special nearness to Himself.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the grace of a true and deep devotion to Thy Immaculate Mother for all Thy consecrated spouses.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, teach me Thyself how to honour Mary ; teach me how to love her. And since a true devotion to her is a sign of eternal predestination, oh ! grant me this devotion.

Mondays in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has commanded us to honour our parents*. Have we prayed for them, and considered it our first duty to do so, whether

they are living or dead? Let us, at least, pray to-day for their spiritual welfare if living, or if dead, for the repose of their souls.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the welfare [*or for the repose of the souls*] of my beloved parents.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who didst teach us filial piety both by word and example, grant me grace, I beseech Thee, to fulfil this great duty perfectly, lovingly, and fervently.

Tuesdays in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who loves a thankful heart*. How seldom we even think of offering a thanksgiving to God for His countless mercies, and how many special mercies we have received! We dare not treat a creature with the heartless ingratitude with which we treat the Creator. Shall we not begin to thank God more frequently and more fervently for all His love to us.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the mercies of my life, especially for [*here name some special mercy or favour which God has granted you*], and that I may obtain a true spirit of thanksgiving.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, how shall I thank Thee for all Thy mercies, and how shall I atone to Thee for my past ingratitude? It would seem, indeed, O Lord, as if Thou alone wert to be excluded from the gratitude of Thy creatures. I offer Thee, O my sweet Jesus, the thanksgivings of Mary and of all Thy Saints in atonement for my sinful neglect.

Wednesdays in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires to be thanked for the favours He confers on others*. True charity would teach us to accept what is done to others as if done to ourselves. Let us, then, begin to offer thanksgivings for the favours conferred on the Saints.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces Thou hast bestowed at any time upon any creature and on Thy Saints, especially on the great Patriarch St. Joseph.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, I love Thee for Thy love : may I learn from Thy adorable Heart, how to rejoice with those who rejoice, how to weep with those who weep !

Thursdays in September.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day *that I may thank Him for the gift of His Body and Blood*. Have we even yet offered one Mass or one Communion in thanksgiving for the love of the Heart of Love in giving us the Blessed Sacrament? Let us begin now, at least, to make it the subject of frequent thanksgiving.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy amazing love in giving us the Blessed Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, what would life be without Thee? and yet how seldom I have even thanked Thee for this gift! Pardon, oh, pardon my coldness and indifference, and teach me Thyself the lesson of true gratitude!

Festivals in September.

SEPT. 8.—THE NATIVITY, B.V.M.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to *give me His Mother as my example*. Let me learn of this new-born child how to live that life which alone is worth living—a life all for God. From her first instant of human consciousness she has no other end but Him. O Mary, O my Mother, obtain for me a like simplicity of intention.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy love in giving us Mary. Oh, may we profit by this gift to our eternal salvation!

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Jesus, teach me to understand the life of this blessed

child, the child Mary, whom Thou givest to us as on to-day. Oh, may she be doubly precious to us each time we receive her, as it were anew, on the Feast of her Nativity; and may we learn from Thee yet deeper things of Thy designs in her and for us !

SEPT. 14.

See May 3, page 196.

SEPT. 17.—THE STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to *teach me that those whom He loves most He marks most deeply with the Cross.* Oh, what special thanksgiving we should offer Him if He has favoured us thus in any degree !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the great grace which Thou didst bestow on thy servant, St. Francis, and to obtain, through his intercession, a great love of the Cross, great fervour

and generosity in bearing it, and a generous thanksgiving in receiving it.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, Lover of Thy loving ones, of Thy trusting ones, of Thy poor ones, oh, teach me to love, to trust, and to be generous to Thy Heart of Love. Through the merits and intercession of this blessed Saint, oh, grant me the grace of loving the Cross, and of bearing it with patience, and even with joy.

SEPT. 21.—ST. MATTHEW.

See page 163.

SEPT. 24.—OUR LADY OF MERCY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day to give me *His Mother as my hope*. How many souls would have perished utterly were it not for the mercy of this most merciful Mother—were it not for her through whom God pours forth the torrent of His mercy on His creatures !

· OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the Sisters of Mercy, in thanksgiving for all the good that they have accomplished, and that each member of the Order may reflect in her life and actions the Mother of Mercy, her especial patron.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who hast given us the Mother of Mercy to be our Mother, grant us grace daily to imitate her blessed example more perfectly. Oh ! turn on us Thy eyes of mercy for her dear sake ; and since it is from Thy blessed Heart that she obtains the mercy of which she is the channel, oh ! pour forth upon me now the full tide of its tenderness and love.

SEPT. 29.—ST. MICHAEL.

See page 163.

THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER.—FEAST OF THE
SEVEN DOLOURS.

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INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

First Friday in October.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God consoled by the Angels and despised by men*. O sweet Jesus, what reparation shall I make to Thy Heart of Love for the sins and ingratitude of men? The Angels, whose nature Thou didst pass by, came to console Thee in Thy temptation and in Thine agony; and men, whom Thou hast so favoured and so honoured, only add to Thy sufferings.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the tenderness with which the Angels ministered to Thee in Thy sufferings, and in reparation for the coldness with which Thou wert treated by those whom Thou camest to redeem.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, my suffering Jesus, may I have grace to atone to Thee in some measure for all Thou hast endured for men ! My holy Angel Guardian, I invoke Thy help : oh ! praise and thank my Jesus for all His love to me.

Saturdays in October.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who employs His Angels to serve His Blessed Mother*. It is a pious belief that the Angels are specially devoted to Mary ; that as they were once commissioned by God to announce to her the message of redeeming love, so they now announce for her sweet messages of mercy to her children.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the ministry of Angels, and the services which they do for Thine elect at the bidding of the Queen of Angels, that I may obtain their blessed assistance continually.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, who hast

Thyself given Thine Angels charge to obey their Queen, oh! grant me their special help and constant protection.

Monday in October.

Preparation as above.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the release of the souls in Purgatory most devoted to the holy Angels, and that my Angel may assist me at the hour of my death, and bring me speedily to Thee.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Tender Heart of my Beloved, oh! look in mercy and in pity on the suffering souls. Send Thy blessed Angels to them, O sweet Lord, with the fruit of all the Masses offered to-day throughout the world, that many may be released from their pain.

Tuesday in October.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a God who has given one of His Angels

to be the special guardian of my soul. Have I ever thanked Him for this great and precious favour? Have I ever used it as I ought?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy love in confiding my soul to the care of my holy Angel Guardian; and that, through his intercession and zeal, I may advance daily in holiness of life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet and most kind Jesus, how shall I thank Thee for Thy love? Grant me, I beseech Thee, by this adorable Sacrament, such effectual grace, that I may profit more and more by the ministry of my good Angel.

Wednesdays in October.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who appoints special Angels to attend His servants*. Even as the Angels watched and guarded the great St. Joseph, and brought him the messages of heaven, so do the Angels now specially watch and guard

God's priests, and help them in their holy ministrations.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Guardian Angels of all Thy priests, that they may continually assist, defend, and strengthen them in their holy ministrations.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Jesus, I supplicate Thy Heart of Love for all Thy priests. Be with them, O my Jesus, when they speak ; be in them, O my Jesus, when they act ; counsel them, O my Jesus, when they doubt ; strengthen them, O my Jesus, when they are weak ; above all, oh, sanctify them by union with Thyself in the adorable Sacrament, and teach them how to sanctify those committed to their charge.

Thursdays in October.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who appoints the Angels to carry up the prayers of His people to heaven.* Do we ever think of the love and zeal with which

the Angels perform this duty? Do we ever invoke their assistance when we pray, and, above all, when we hear holy Mass?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Angels who assist at holy Mass, that I, and all who are present, may obtain, through their intercession, the grace of deep devotion and reverence, and all the fruit of the adorable Sacrifice.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, since I can neither worthily praise or thank Thee for this gift, accept, I beseech Thee, the praises and thanks of my holy Angel Guardian, whose blessed assistance I now invoke.

Festivals in October.

ROSARY SUNDAY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me as a *God who crowns His Mother with the devotion of His people*. How many souls have been saved—how many souls have been sanctified, by a devout use of the Rosary!

Let us animate our fervour in the practice of this devotion, and instruct those who are ignorant of it.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the favours and graces Thou hast granted to those who have recited the Rosary with devotion, for the Confraternity of the Living Rosary, and that this holy practice may be more and more understood and valued.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My sweet Jesus, I offer Thee all the Rosaries which have been recited this day by the faithful. May Thy people increase more and more in the love of this sweet devotion, and mayest Thou be daily more and more honoured thereby !

SECOND SUNDAY.—MATERNITY, B.V.M.

See page 195.

THIRD SUNDAY.—PURITY, B.V.M.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of purity*. The Church

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honours the purity of Mary to-day; and well may we proclaim her praises, whose soul was never sullied with even the shadow of sin. O Mary, O spotless Mother, obtain for me, through thy purity, pardon of the past, and grace and strength for the time to come!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the purity of Mary, to obtain, through her intercession, the grace of purity—of purity of intention and of purity of life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, who lovest to feed among the lilies, oh! come and plant the lily of purity in my heart to-day, and fertilize it with Thy most Precious Blood, which Thou hast even now imparted to me.

FOURTH SUNDAY.—PATRONAGE, B. V. M.

See page 191.

OCT. 1 AND 2.—FEAST OF THE ANGEL
GUARDIANS.

See page 257 (Tuesday).

OCT. 4.—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my God and my All*. What can the soul wish or desire who possesses God? We only desire other things, because we do not know what God is; we only wish for creatures, because we do not understand the Creator. Let us learn from this great Saint to renounce all for God, in whatever degree our state of life may permit; and then, with him, we shall find all in God.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the favours and graces which Thou didst bestow upon this great Saint, for each member of his seraphic Order, that they may have the true spirit of their holy Father, and that I may obtain the grace of having Thee for “my God and my All,” through his merits and intercession.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I possess Thee now, and Thou art my All. So unite me to Thyself, that I may not be

able to love aught but Thee alone ; so in one me with Thyself that my life may be Thine ; that henceforth I may have no other life but Thine, and no other love but Thee.

OCT. 12.—ST. WILFRED.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of Confessors*. May I obtain, through their intercession, the grace to confess His name, both by my life and by my words !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Wilfred, for the prelates and priests of England, especially those in the diocese of York ; and that as that province was renowned for its martyrs, it may be even now renowned for the sanctity and devotedness of the faithful.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, cast the eyes of Thy mercy on this poor land ; and for the sake of those precious souls who shed their blood for her ancient Faith, sanctify those who are children of

the martyrs, and convert those who shed the martyrs' blood.

OCT. 15.—ST. TERESA.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of the faithful Carmelite*. O glory and beauty of Carmel, pray for us, that whether we be thy children by right of inheritance in thy ancient Order, or by right of affiliation as wearing its Scapular, we, too, may become beautiful and beloved by thy Beloved.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Teresa, in thanksgiving for all the graces Thou didst bestow on her, for all the religious of her Order, and for all who wear the Scapular.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of faithful souls, may I increase each day in faithfulness and fervour! May Thy blessed presence in my soul so strengthen me, that I may never again give way to weakness and pusillanimity! Pray for me, O blessed Saint, and obtain for me, from the

Heart of thy Beloved, a courage and generosity like Thine!

OCT. 18.—ST. JOHN, EVANGELIST.

See page 163.

OCT. 21.—ST. URSULA AND COMPANIONS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Crown of Martyrs*. To some He gives this crown as a reward for the shedding of their blood; and there are other happy souls who obtain, if not the red crown of martyrdom, at least the coronal of patient suffering.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Ursula, for the religious who bear her name, that they may imitate the humility of their blessed foundress, St. Angela, by concealing their good works from men; and the generosity of their beatified patroness, by their zeal in Thy service.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I ask of Thy love these two precious graces,

which I have asked through this adorable Sacrifice for Thy spouses. Ah ! give to me also, sweet Lord, the humility which loves to hide itself from all—the generosity which knows not how to spare itself in Thy blessed service.

OCT. 24.—ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lord of Angels*. How earnestly I should entreat Him that those blessed spirits may minister to me in all my necessities !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Raphael, to obtain, through his intercession, a spirit of thanksgiving, and health of body and soul for all those who are suffering.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Health of the soul, be Thou, I beseech Thee, the Health of my poor soul ; and since Thou dost use Thy Angels as the ministers of Thy mercy, grant that this blessed Archangel may

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minister health to my soul, and all needful
health to my body.

OCT. 28.—ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES.
See page 163.

INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

MONTH OF DEVOTION FOR THE SOULS IN
PURGATORY.

First Friday in November.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has been wounded for our iniquities*. How shall I console Thee, O Heart of Jesus crucified, for Thy anguish and Thy griefs? Yes; Thou hast been wounded for our iniquities, to save us from the sufferings into which so many souls have plunged themselves, notwithstanding all that Thou hast done and suffered to shorten their Purgatory. Ah! sweet Jesus, may I so avail myself of the treasures which Thou hast purchased by Thy Passion, that I may not be separated from Thee hereafter!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer the sufferings of Thy adorable Heart in Thy Passion for the

souls in Purgatory, especially for the souls of priests.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I know that Thou requirest much from those to whom Thou givest much, have mercy, then, I beseech Thee, on all who are now in those purging flames who have once ministered at Thy altar, and give such effectual grace to the living, that they may be soon united to Thee after their death.

Saturdays in November.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God jealous of the purity of His spouses*. I may learn, from the revelations of the Saints, how the souls of religious suffer in Purgatory even for the least imperfection. I know that the spouses of Jesus must be specially dear to Him ; and hence I am convinced that if I obtain their release, I shall secure powerful intercessors for myself with God. If pity does not move me to pray for them, at least I should do so for my own interest.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be speedily admitted to the eternal embrace of their Spouse.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I have pleaded for Thy spouses—may Thy spouses plead for me! O my Life, unite me to Thyself now, that I may not be long separated from Thee hereafter!

Mondays in November.

FOR THE SOULS OF PARENTS.

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Tuesdays in November.

**THE SOULS OUR BLESSED LADY WISHES TO
RELIEVE.**

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Wednesdays in November.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of compassion*. How He

pities and loves those poor souls in Purgatory who have none to pray for them. How abundantly He will reward us, if we assist them now !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the poor souls in Purgatory who have none to help them.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, by the tender compassion of Thy most tender Heart, have pity upon those poor souls. Even now how they must thrill with joy that one supplication is offered up for them. O sweet Jesus, give me all the love Thou desirest me to have for my destitute brethren ; count it as though I had helped Thee when none else would do the service Thou didst require ; and then, O my Beloved, give to them the reward which Thy love will suggest and might have given to me.

Thursdays in November.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *Father longing to bring His*

children Home. O sweet Lord, are there not some souls even now all but purified? May this Mass and Communion be accepted to pay the little debt they still owe to Thy justice!

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls who are nearest heaven.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Sweet Jesus, Thou longest for those souls even more than they long for Thee. Oh! take them, take them Home; and may they obtain such grace for me by their intercession, that I may obtain a speedy union with Thee after death.

Festivals in November.

NOV. 1.—ALL SAINTS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Joy of the Saints*. Oh! let me learn courage in suffering, and perseverance in virtue, from the bright and glorious examples with which I am surrounded. How they

rejoice now for all that caused them sorrow, since each sorrow is now a crown of joy !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the glories and triumphs of all Thy Saints, and that, through their blessed intercession, I may one day be joined to their holy company.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, King of all Saints, make me a saint also, all unworthy as I am. Oh ! unite me so to Thyself in this adorable Sacrament, that I may become one with Thee, and then indeed I shall be holy—then indeed I may hope to praise Thee with Thy Saints for endless ages.

Nov. 2.—ALL SOULS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of justice and mercy*. Purgatory tells me deep things of the mercy of the Sacred Heart. Oh, what depth of love was that which devised this last resource to save ungrateful men !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the tender love of Thy adorable Heart in instituting this place of purification, and for the release of the poor souls suffering therein.

AFTER COMMUNION.—Jesus, my Love, how shall I thank Thee for the love of Thy Heart in saving so many souls so as by fire? Oh! save my poor soul, sweet Jesus, even should it be by fire also; but if it may be, grant me to be so purified by the fire of love here, that I may not need the fire of pain hereafter.

Nov. 3.—ST. WINNIFRED.

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Nov. 15.—ST. GERTRUDE, VIRGIN AND ABBESS,
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PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Spouse of Virgins*. Oh, how dear are these holy ones to His Heart! how dear above all when they love Him as His

Saints have loved, as Gertrude loved, without reserve.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the favours and graces which Thou didst bestow on St. Gertrude, to obtain a most ardent devotion to Thy adorable Heart, and for all her clients.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Jesus, who feedest amongst the lilies, who lovest pure and trusting souls, teach me to love and trust like this great Saint.

NOV. 21.—PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who wishes us to present Him with our hearts*. Let us make this offering to-day if we have not yet made it; if we have already done so, let us renew it fervently. Mary will present our offering for us anew, in union with the love with which she presented herself as on this day in the temple.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for all religious of the Presentation Order, that their dedication to God may be like the dedication of Mary, pure and unreserved, and that I may obtain grace so to present my heart to Him here, through Mary, that I may be presented by her both in body and soul in heaven.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I offer Thee all the love and devotion with which Thy Blessed Mother gave herself to Thee as on this day in reparation for my miserable coldness. Sweet Jesus, for her sake accept my love as though it were indeed what I desire it to be.

NOV. 22.—ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who desires to be praised by His creatures*. Alas! that we should ever consecrate to the service of the world those faculties and gifts which should be consecrated to God alone.

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OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of St. Cecilia, in reparation for all the sins of irreverence committed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament by those who should honour Thee by singing Thy praises with reverence, and to obtain the grace of great reverence for all who assist at choirs.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, enable me, I beseech Thee, to dedicate every faculty to Thy blessed service, and to use all my talents, whether little or great, to the very utmost, for Thee.

NOV. 25.—ST. CATHERINE, V.M.

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NOV. 30.—ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE.

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INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

First Friday in December.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God unjustly judged by His creatures*. And yet Thou wilt come, O Jesus, to judge, with a just and terrible judgment, all those who even now ratify the sentence of Pilate, as far as it is in their power to do so. Oh! preserve me, in Thy mercy, from even the least participation in their guilt.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation for the crime of Pilate in judging Thee unjustly, that, through the infinite merit of Thy unjust condemnation, I may obtain a favourable judgment at the hour of my death.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, unjustly condemned for my love, grant, I beseech Thee, that I may never be so miserable as to participate in any degree in the

guilt of Pilate. O sweet Jesus, by Thy patient submission to this most unjust judgment, grant me the grace to judge myself so rigorously here, that I may be judged by Thee in mercy hereafter. May I see all things now in the light of Thy judgment, so that I may both judge and act in all things according to Thy will !

Saturdays in December.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Fruit of Mary's womb*. Oh, how precious is this fruit ! How efficacious a remedy for every disease ! how necessary a food in every circumstance of life ! How can I thank Mary for giving us this blessed Fruit—this Fruit which even now she bears in her womb, and is as it were about to bestow on us anew ? How can I thank Jesus for this Fruit, which is the support and source of all spiritual life ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the Most

Holy Sacrament, the Fruit of Mary's womb, in reparation for all the negligences I have committed during the past year in preparing for or in receiving Holy Communion, and that I may obtain all the benefit of this most precious Fruit in every Communion which I may receive for the time to come.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O sweet Fruit of Mary's womb, how often have I received Thee with coldness and indifference ! Thou hast fed me, my Jesus, but I refused to allow this blessed Food to fructify in my soul. O Mary, my mother and my hope, do thou intercede for me. Do thou obtain pardon for the past, and such grace for the future, that I may never receive this blessed Fruit in vain.

Mondays in December.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of justice*. Many souls who have died this year are now, for the first time, understanding the justice of God, and seeing how justice and mercy combine, even in punishment.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the souls in Purgatory who have died this year.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who hast commanded us to show mercy to others, who hast declared that the measure of Thy mercy to us will be the measure of our mercy to them, have mercy upon these suffering souls, and may my petitions for them obtain mercy from Thee hereafter for my own soul.

Tuesdays in December.

PREPARATION—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who will come to judge*. Ah ! Lord, I may well tremble when I think of Thy judgments, I who have so abused Thy mercy.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in reparation and satisfaction for all the sins I have committed during the past year, especially for my sins of —.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, mercy ! Thou hast come to me now in mercy ; Thou wilt come to me one day in judgment. Oh, may I receive Thee now with such holy fear, that I may receive Thee then without fear ! Thou knowest, O my Jesus, sins and imperfections which I know not. Oh ! pardon me, I beseech Thee, what I know and what I know not.

Wednesdays in December.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who will come to judgment with all His Saints*. How earnest I should be in invoking the protection and assistance of the Saints at the day of doom ! Let me invite them now, rather let me implore them, to assist me in that hour of fear.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain the special assistance of Our Blessed Lady, St. Michael, St. Joseph, my Guardian Angel, and [*here name your Patron Saint*], at the hour of my death and at the

day of judgment. Oh, may they succour and defend me from all my foes and fears !

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thou comest now, surrounded by Thy Angels, in the Most Holy Sacrament, but we see neither Thy Angels nor their brightness. But Thou wilt come, O my God, no longer hidden, with all Thy Saints. O my sweet Jesus, may they assist me in that hour of fear, and especially those Saints whom I have now invoked !

Thursdays in December.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God whose heart is outraged by insults*. Ah ! sweet Lord, year after year passes by, and still Thou remainest on our altars, amidst our neglect and coldness—alas ! even amidst insults and contempt. Accept, O sweet Jesus, our reparation for these crimes, and hear our earnest prayers that we may never participate in them, even in the least degree.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and

Communion in reparation for all the griefs Thy Sacred Heart has endured during the past year, and for the neglect and indifference of Thy creatures towards the Most Holy Sacrament.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I offer Thee the love of Thy Blessed Mother and of all Thy Saints, in reparation for my coldness, and to obtain the grace of a most ardent devotion to the Most Holy Sacrament.

Festivals in December.

DEC. 3.—ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *Lover of zealous souls*. Who shall say with what love and zeal this great Saint was animated? Oh! let us learn to be zealous for God, and, at least, desire to do great things for Him.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for all the graces and favours Thou didst bestow on St. Francis Xavier, for all who are engaged in foreign missions, for all who are preparing

for them, especially for the students of All Hallows College, and of the English college for foreign missions.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Lover of zealous souls, fill my soul with a true zeal for Thy glory, with a wise and holy zeal, with a self-sacrificing zeal ; and may I assist generously all those who are devoting their lives to Thy service.

DEC. 8.—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who does great things for those who love Him*. And since no creature ever has or ever can love Him as Mary loved Him, He has done for her mighty things, and magnified her above all.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the Immaculate Conception, for all the graces and favours which Thou didst bestow upon Thy Blessed Mother, and for all religious of the Order of St. Francis, who were the special defenders of this doctrine.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who dost such great things for those who love Thee, so unite me to Thyself that I may love Thee more and more. O my sweet Jesus, who crownest the humble with such special graces, grant me the grace of a true and profound humility, that I may be less unworthy of Thy love.

DEC. 13.—ST. LUCY, V.M.

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DEC. 18.—EXPECTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my soul's Desire*. Every creature desires the Creator. Hence the restless, eager seeking for rest of every human heart ; and they who find God alone find rest. Oh ! let us expect Him with Mary ; let us desire Him with Mary ; let us seek to prepare our souls before each festival for the special grace of that festival, and we shall obtain much which we lose now by our indifference.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of the Expectation of Thy Blessed Mother. I offer the fervour of her desires in atonement for the coldness of mine, and I pray that, through her merits and intercession, I may prepare worthily for the great festival of Christmas. I also offer this Mass in reparation for my neglect and indifference in preparing for seasons of grace.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, may I desire Thee more each time I receive Thee, and may I receive Thee with a love like hers who desired Thee with a desire beyond all human comprehension.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FOR PARTICULAR OCCASIONS.

TO OBTAIN THE PARDON OF OUR SINS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of forgiveness*. O my sweet Jesus, Thou alone knowest how much I need Thy forgiveness, and how deeply I have offended Thee. But Thou art a God of forgiveness ; Thou didst die to redeem me : oh ! let me not perish, since Thou hast paid so costly a ransom for me.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain, through Thy infinite mercy and Thy most Precious Blood, the forgiveness of all my sins.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My Jesus, mercy ! Cast me not away from Thy presence. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. O sweet

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Jesus, now that Thou hast given me Thy Body, cleanse me thereby ; now that Thou hast given me Thy Blood, purify me, even while it is within me, from every stain.

IN TRIAL OR TEMPTATION.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Strength*. In Him alone can I obtain strength to bear this trial [or *to resist this temptation*]; and if I seek strength from Him, I shall not be disappointed.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion to obtain strength to bear this trial [or *to resist this temptation*], which Thy love has sent.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my Jesus, be my Strength. I have received Thee, the Bread of the strong : oh ! feed me even now upon Thyself, so that I may bear with courage and generosity whatever Thy love may send me ; so that I may accomplish with fervour and cheerfulness whatever Thy love may require.

FOR A CHILD OF MARY.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has given me His Mother to be mine*. How great is my privilege ! let me not forget that my responsibilities are equally great. I must not merely content myself with the privilege of being a child of Mary, I must also honour my Mother by imitating her conduct. I must give special edification to all, as the child of such a Mother should do.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for the great privilege Thou hast bestowed on me in permitting me to be a child of Mary, and that I may obtain the grace to honour my Mother by the holiness of my life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, after the gift of Thyself, what greater gift couldst Thou bestow on me than the gift of Thy Mother ? O my sweet Lord, I humbly beseech Thee help me to become worthy of the special privilege of calling Mary Mother, and help me to thank Thee worthily for Thy love.

FOR A HUSBAND OR WIFE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has instituted the holy Sacrament of Matrimony* for my sanctification. Have I ever thanked Him as I should, for His mercy in the institution of this Sacrament, for the special grace it confers? Have I sought, in my domestic relations, to obtain from God all the assistance to fulfil them worthily?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving to Thy love for the institution of the Sacrament of Matrimony, and that I may obtain the grace to fulfil faithfully all the duties of my state.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, who hast loved the human race with such a touching and unutterable love, who hast conferred on us such special graces for every state and condition in life, who hast left us no excuse if we fail in our duty to Thee and to each other; help me, I beseech Thee, to fulfil my duties faithfully in all my domestic relations. Oh! give me, I beseech Thee, all the grace of the Sacrament of Love, to

enable me to fulfil faithfully all the duties of the Sacrament of Marriage.

FOR THE CHOICE OF A STATE OF LIFE, OR BEFORE
DECIDING ANY IMPORTANT MATTER.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of providence*. His providence is over all His works, and all that He ordains is for our good. But I must co-operate with His providence. I must use every effort to know His will, and then I must be faithful and generous in accomplishing it.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may know Thy holy will in this matter, and that I may have grace faithfully and generously to accomplish that will, whatever it may cost.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thou knowest that I love Thee, but, alas ! I love myself also, and that self-love may blind me to Thy will. O sweet Jesus, remove that hateful vice from the eyes of my soul. Enable me now to see in this matter

as Thou seest, and then to act as Thou wouldst have me act.

PARENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, OR RELIGIOUS FOR
THOSE CONFIDED TO THEIR CARE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has given me these children to educate for heaven*. Alas ! if I should fail in the awful responsibility ; alas ! if they should learn from me to think more of time and less of eternity ; alas ! if, through any failure or neglect of mine, they should perish utterly, how then could I stand before the great Throne of God, and say : “ Lord, behold here I am, and the children whom Thou hast given me ” ?

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for the children confided to my care, that I may have grace, both by word and example, to help them to save their souls, and live a holy and edifying life.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thou hast Thyself given these children to my care, Thou hast Thyself pronounced an

awful doom on those who scandalize Thy little ones ; oh ! help me now, dear Lord, so effectually, by Thy grace, that I may never be guilty of their blood—that I may educate them for Thee and for heaven.

AN OFFERING OF ANY WORK OR EMPLOYMENT.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who wishes me to do all for His glory* ; and He asks me to do this that I may have all the merit of my work. Alas ! how sad that we should so often labour in vain, simply because we do not labour for God alone. When we glorify Him most, we gain most for ourselves. How good of God to permit it to be so !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—O my sweet Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion that I may have grace to do this work purely for Thee alone, and that it may, as it were, be steeped in the chalice of Thy most Precious Blood, to purify it from all the stains of my evil and sinful life—from the stains which it cannot fail to contract by the defilement of my touch ; and

that it may be so fertilized by Thy most Precious Blood, as to bring forth all the fruit possible for Thee.

[At the Elevation, place your intended occupation, undertaking, or new employment, as it were in spirit, in the chalice, that it may be purified and fertilized by the Precious Blood. This offering may be renewed from time to time, while we are engaged in any special work for God's glory.]

AFTER COMMUNION.—O mysweet Jesus, be my Life ! Live in me, so that all may be done by Thee and for Thee. Do Thou Thyself perform every act and direct every purpose, and may this work be wholly Thine.

FOR A FRIEND WHO HAS ASKED OUR PRAYERS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God of love*. He who wept at the grave of Lazarus, will not forbid me to sympathize in the trials and anxieties of those who are dear to me. But let me learn to seek help for them where only help can be found, and to manifest my sympathies by acts of charity and by fervent prayer.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I

desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion for —, that [*he* or *she*] may obtain the special graces [*he* or *she*] needs.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, I intercede with Thy Heart of Love for those who, I trust, are dear to that Heart. Grant them, O my Jesus, all that the love of Thy Heart can give.

FOR A NOVICE DURING HER NOVITIATE.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as a *God who has asked me to be His spouse*. O my Lord, what shall I say to Thy amazing condescension—how shall I thank Thee for Thy profound humility? Alas! O my Jesus, how miserable I should be if I refused Thee—if I refused to be the bride of heaven! How miserable, if I even failed to become worthy of that honour, as far as it is possible for a creature! Oh, help me, since Thou hast called me! oh, draw me, since Thou hast invited me! and give me every grace I need for the perfection of the holy state to which I aspire.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy amazing love and condescension in asking me to be Thy spouse, and that I may obtain all the grace I need to sanctify myself during my novitiate, so as to become less utterly unworthy of this honour.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, Thou knowest, Thou seest even now in my soul, what evil will prove the greatest hindrance to my sanctification; Thou knowest what grace I need most to fit me for these holy nuptials. O dear Lord, I beseech Thee even now remove this evil, and bestow this grace.

FOR A RELIGIOUS.

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as *my Spouse*. I am the bride of heaven. Oh! well may my very inmost soul fail and faint away when I think of what I am, and how unworthy I am of this surpassing dignity. O Bridegroom of my

soul, have mercy ! Oh, may I never love any love but Thee ! oh, may I never be unfaithful to Thy love ! oh, may I never repay Thy tenderness with coldness and neglect ! oh, may I never have any interests but Thine, any wishes but Thine, any hopes but Thine, any fears but Thine ! O my Beloved, my Jesus, Thou knowest my weakness and the greatness of Thy gift : oh, by Thy love, teach me to love Thee perfectly !

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in thanksgiving for Thy amazing love in making me Thy spouse, that I may obtain pardon for all my sins and infidelities, and grace for the time to come to love Thee alone, and to love Thee with an unbounded affection.

AFTER COMMUNION.—O my sweet Jesus, my Spouse Jesus, unite me to Thyself, and may nothing ever separate me from Thee ! May no sin divide me from Thy Heart's love even for a moment ! may no imperfection chill its burning torrent even for an instant ! Oh, let me rest upon Thy Heart, without a pang to give Thee pain ; and mayest Thou, O my Beloved, be able to repose in mine,

when wearied with the sins and perversities of men, undisturbed by sin or self.

FOR STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS
HOUSES. *

PREPARATION.—My Jesus is coming to me to-day as the *God of wisdom*. The only true wisdom is to serve God faithfully in this world, that we may abide with Him eternally in the world to come. To this end all secular instruction should tend; for that wisdom is but foolishness, which proceeds not from the Fount of knowledge.

OFFERING OF INTENTION.—My Jesus, I desire, &c., p. 11. I offer this Mass and Communion in honour of [*here mention the Patron Saint of your college or school, or any Saints to whom you have a particular devotion*], for the members of this college, that its superiors

* This intention might be used for collegiate houses in general, or for any particular house, as for Ushaw College on the Feast of St. Cuthbert, Stonyhurst on the Feast of St. Ignatius, &c., not only by the members of those houses, but by all the faithful. If there were more prayers offered for the young, we might hope for greater things for the future.

and professors may obtain the grace to act in all things according to the dictates of eternal wisdom ; that its students, whether lay or ecclesiastical, may seek only the true wisdom, and make that the end of all their studies.

AFTER COMMUNION.—My God, I beseech Thee teach me to be truly wise. Enlighten me, in these days of darkness and deceit, to discern truth from falsehood, and error from deceit. Enlighten all those who guide or instruct the young ; and grant to the young the humility of true greatness, that they may become ornaments of the Church on earth, and the glory of the Church in heaven.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR MASS.

When Mass commences.

Prayer of St. Gertrude.

O Almighty, Everlasting God, as it is of faith that the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, instituted by Thy Son, is infinitely pleasing to Thy Divine Majesty, and renders Thee an infinite worship and praise, and since by it alone Thou canst be worthily and adequately worshipped and praised; I desire to assist at this Sacrifice with the utmost devotion of which I am capable, and to offer this most holy Oblation to Thee in union with Thy priest. I offer Thee also all the Masses which shall be offered this day throughout the world. O most holy Father, I implore Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, to pour into the hearts of all Thy priests the spirit of grace and fervour, that they may be enabled to celebrate Thy tremendous mystery with becoming awe and devotion. Grant to me, and to all here present, that we may join in this most sacred action with reverence and devotion,

so that we may have a full share in its fruit and effect. Amen.

At the Kyrie.

O Eternal Father, I offer Thee all the whole Passion of Thy Divine Son, and the burning love of His adorable Heart, in satisfaction for all my sins, and in union with this Sacrifice, that I may obtain the full fruit and efficacy thereof. I offer Thee the humility of His Incarnation, in atonement for all my sins of pride; I offer Thee the sufferings of His Circumcision, in satisfaction for my self-indulgent vanity; I offer Thee His painful flight into Egypt, in satisfaction for my love of ease; I offer Thee His obedience to Mary, in atonement for my disobedience to my superiors; I offer Thee the labours of His youth, in reparation for the time I have wasted, or even sinfully misspent; I offer Thee the weariness of His three years' ministry, in atonement for my coldness and neglect in doing good to others; I offer Thee His victory in temptation, in satisfaction for the sins I have committed by yielding to temptation; I offer Thee His painful carriage of the Cross, in reparation for my murmurings under trial, for my want of courage and generosity in bearing afflictions; I offer Thee His love in the institution of the Sacrifice of the Mass, in atonement for my indifference and carelessness in

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assisting at it ; I offer Thee His tenderness in the institution of the adorable Sacrament, in reparation for my coldness in receiving it ; I offer Thee the sufferings of His Passion, in satisfaction for all my sins ; I offer Thee His unjust condemnation, that I may not be condemned eternally. O my God, may the efficacy of His Life and Passion, and of this adorable Sacrifice, atone to Thee for all my sins, and obtain for the whole Church, and for all whom I desire to pray, the richest benedictions of Thy love !

AT THE CREED AND GOSPEL.

Prayer of St. Gertrude.

O tender Jesus, full of pity and of mercy, who never despisest the sighing of the wretched, to Thee I betake myself, imploring Thy clemency. Speak Thou for me, supply Thou for me ; for I confess unto Thee all my sins. By the sinless tears of Thy most glorious Eyes, wash away all the stains of my sinful eyes. By the gentle pity of Thy blessed Ears, wash away all the iniquities of my sinful ears. By the thrilling energy of the sweet words of Thy blessed Lips, wash away all the offences of my polluted lips. By the perfection of Thy actions and by the wounds in Thy Hands, wash away all the offences of my impious hands. By the aching weariness of Thy blessed Feet, and by

the cruel holes of the nails, wash away all the defilement of my sinful feet. By the pure intention of Thy most holy Thoughts, and by the glowing love of Thy pierced Heart, wash away all the guilt of my evil thoughts and of my wicked heart. By the matchless innocence of Thy Life, and by Thy unspotted holiness, destroy all the foulness of my corrupt life. By the priceless fountain of Thy most Precious Blood, wash away, cleanse, and efface every defilement of my heart and soul, that, by Thy most holy merits, I may be found clean from sin, and be henceforward enabled to keep all Thy commandments perfectly and spotlessly. Amen.

After the Elevation.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for all my sins. I desire to offer it even as I would have done had I stood beneath the cross on Calvary. O Mary, Mother of Jesus, offer it for me now as thou didst then offer it for all poor sinners. O blessed Saint —, whose memory the Church celebrates to-day, offer this adorable Sacrifice for me and for all the faithful. St. John, the beloved, who stood beneath the cross, intercede for me! St. Mary Magdalen, who clung to the Feet of Jesus, dying on the cross, pray for me!

O Christ Jesus, my sweetest and only Love, look with the eyes of Thy compassionate mercy on me, a most miserable sinner, here, prostrate before Thee, and imploring with my whole heart the forgiveness of all my sins. By the unutterable love of Thy most sweet Heart, have mercy upon me, and grant me all the graces I need for my perfect sanctification; and such a union of my heart with Thine, that I may never say, or do, or think anything that would be in the least displeasing to Thee.

Preparation for Communion.

Prayer of St. Gertrude to Our Blessed Lady.

Through thee may we have access to Thy Son, O thou blessed one, who hast found grace; thou Mother of the Life, and Mother of Salvation; that by thee we may receive Him who has been given to us by thee. O our Lady, our Advocate, may thy undefiled purity plead with Him in excuse of our corruption; may thy humility, so pleasing to God, obtain from Him forgiveness of our vanity; may thy abounding charity cover the multitude of our sins, and thy glorious fruitfulness render us fruitful in merits. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion.

O my sweet Jesus, I desire with all my heart to receive Thee spiritually beneath the roof of my poor soul, since I cannot receive Thee corporally. Oh! unite me to Thyself by spiritual Communion, come and abide in me even as Thou hast promised to abide with Thy chosen ones, and bring with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost. May every breath of my life be breathed in union with Thee, and unite me to Thee more and more! May my heart burn with the fire of Thy love, and become so united to Thine, that I may be entirely transformed into Thee, so that Thou mayest live and reign in me in time and in eternity! Amen.

Pious Reflections before receiving Holy Communion.

Devout soul, you are invited to a great feast, and the feast is prepared for you by God Himself. One day you will be invited to another feast, an eternal feast, and your place and position there will depend on the manner in which you receive this feast of which you are now about to partake. But it is not of yourself you will think at this blessed moment. O Christian soul, you will think only of Jesus, of His love in giving you Himself, of His humility in permitting you to feed upon Him, and of

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His desire that you should be united to Him perfectly and absolutely. You can never perform a greater, a holier, or a more important action, than to receive into your heart the Son of God, the Judge of the living and the dead, the Saviour of your soul. The Angels envy your happiness; the Saints look down in longing love from their golden thrones upon your joy. O Christian soul, what will you not receive, if you communicate with fervour! Your soul, united to the Author of all beauty, of all goodness, of all sanctity, will become all beautiful, and good, and pure. Jesus is coming to you to be your Guest, your Companion, your Friend. Go to Him with confidence, receive Him with love; He will manifest Himself to you, He will show you His perfections, His goodness, His love; you will be united closely to Him—oh! how closely—you will be permitted to speak to Him, and He will answer you. Oh! tell Him all, ask Him for all you want; speak to Him, not in the words of others, but in your own words; for, as a mother loves to hear the lisping accents of her little one, so Jesus loves the simple words of simple hearts, who say to Him, as a child to a mother, all they think, all they desire, all they hope, all they fear. Oh! do not let Jesus be the only friend to whom you cannot speak without a set form of words.

Pray much. Pray for a good will, for a sincere desire of refusing God nothing; He will

then do great things in your soul. Propose to yourself, in receiving the God of all virtue, to obtain from Him the grace and courage to overcome all your faults; seek to be transformed into Him, to live for Him and by Him only.

[When you are about to receive your dear Lord, offer Him the love, the humility, and the perfect self-sacrifice with which Our Blessed Lady received Him at the moment of the Incarnation, and invoke the help of your Guardian Angel and your Patron Saint.]

Prayers and Devotions in preparation for Holy Communion.

O my loving Lord Jesus Christ, I, a sinner, in nowise presuming on my own merits, but confiding in Thy mercy and goodness, am afraid, and tremble to approach to the table of Thy most sweet banquet, for I have my heart and body stained with many crimes, my mind and my tongue not cautiously watched. Therefore, O loving Deity, O terrible Majesty, wretched as I am, taken in distress, I have recourse to Thee, the Fountain of mercy; I hasten to Thee to be healed; I fly to Thy protection, and sigh to have Thee for my Saviour, whom I am unable to endure for my Judge. To Thee, O Lord, I display my wounds; to Thee I uncover my shame. I know my sins, and am afraid for them, because they are many and great. I hope in Thy mercies, because they are without

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number. Regard me with the eyes of Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, everlasting King, God and Man, crucified for man's sake. Listen to me, for I hope in Thee; and have pity on me, for I am full of miseries and sins, Thou that wilt never restrain the flow of the fountain of pity. Hail! saving Victim, offered up on the gibbet of the Cross for me and for all mankind. Hail! glorious and precious Blood, that flowest forth from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washest away the sins of the whole world. Remember Thy creature, O Lord, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy own Blood. I repent me that I have sinned; I desire to amend what I have done. Take, therefore, away from me, most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins; that, purified in soul and body, I may merit to taste worthily of the Holy of Holies; and grant that the sacred foretaste of Thy Body and Blood, which I intend, though unworthy, to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the perfect purgation of my faults, the expulsion of shameful thoughts, the regeneration of good feelings, and the saving efficacy of works pleasing to Thee, as also the strongest defence of my soul and body against the snares of my enemies. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Almighty and Everlasting God, behold, I approach the Sacrament of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I approach, as one sick, to the Physician of life; as one unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; as one blind, to the Light of everlasting brightness; as one poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty, as far as Thou mayest vouchsafe to heal my infirmity, to cleanse my filth, to enlighten my blindness, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with so much reverence and humility, so much contrition and devotion, so much purity and faith, such a purpose and intention, as is expedient to my soul's salvation. Give me, I beseech Thee, to receive, not the Sacrament only of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the substance and efficacy of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, give me so to receive the Body of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He drew from the Virgin Mary, that I may merit to be incorporated with His mystical Body, and to be numbered among its members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at length perpetually contemplate, with face revealed, Thy beloved Son, whom now I purpose to receive veiled on the way. Who lives and reigns with Thee, &c.

Prayers after Communion.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas.

I thank Thee, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, because Thou hast vouchsafed to satisfy me, a sinner, Thy unworthy servant, for no merits of my own, but only by the condescension of Thy mercy, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I entreat Thee that this holy Communion may be to me, not guilt for punishment, but saving intercession for pardon. May it be to me the armour of faith, and the shield of good will. May it be to me the evacuation of my faults, the extermination of concupiscence and lust, the augmentation of charity and patience, of humility and obedience; the strong defence against the snares of all my enemies, as well visible as invisible; the perfect quieting of my impulses, both carnal and spiritual; my firm adhesion to Thee, my one and true God, and the happy consummation of my end. And I pray Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that ineffable feast, where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy Saints true light, full contentment, everlasting joy, consummate pleasure, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ, &c.

Prayer of St. Bonaventure.

Transfix, most dear Lord Jesus, the marrow and heart of my soul with the most sweet and wholesome wound of Thy love, with the most holy charity that is true, and serene, and apostolic, that is, that my soul may swoon, and melt ever with the sole love and desire of Thee. Let it long and faint for Thy courts ; let it wish to be dissolved and be with Thee. Give my soul to hunger for Thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy souls, our daily supersubstantial Bread, that has all that is sweet in taste, and all that is delicious in sweetness. Let my heart ever hunger for Thee, and devour Thee, on whom Angels desire to look ; and let the heart of my soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy taste. Let it ever thirst for Thee, the Fountain of life, Fountain of wisdom and knowledge, Fountain of everlasting light, Torrent of pleasure, Plenty of the house of God ; let it ever canvass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, go to Thee, arrive at Thee, meditate on Thee, talk of Thee, and do every work to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delectation, with readiness and affection, with perseverance even to the end ; and be Thou only always my hope, my whole confidence, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquillity, my peace, my sweetness,

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my odour, my relish, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, and my treasure, in which my soul and my heart may ever be fixed, and firm and immovably rooted. Amen.

A PRAYER,

To which Pope Pius VII., on the 10th day of April, in the year 1821, annexed a plenary indulgence for ever, which may be gained by all Christ's faithful, who, being contrite and confessed, and refreshed by Holy Communion, shall have recited it devoutly before any image soever of Jesus crucified.

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and, with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldest impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious wounds ; having before my eyes that which David spoke in prophecy : " They pierced My hands and My feet ; they have numbered all My bones."

Say five Our Fathers and Hail Marys for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

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